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In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, February 24, 1855.

ORDERED—That the City Clerk procure one thousand copies to be printed in pamphlet form.

DAVID WATSON, CITY CLERK.

In Common Council, February 24, 1855.

Order concurred in.

AMOS HADLEY, CLERK COMMON COUNCIL.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

THE Joint Standing Committee on Finance, in conformity with the requirements of the Ordinance prescribing their duties, "establishing a system of accountability in the expenditures of the city," submit to the City Council their ANNUAL REPORT of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Financial Year ending February 1st, 1855.

We have examined the Treasurer's account books, and those of the City Clerk, and find that all payments therein made are duly authenticated with appropriate vouchers, and that the several items, footings, and balances, are correctly cast and stated, and that the books of those officers have been faithfully kept, and with a system that cannot fail to give satisfaction to the tax payers of the city.

EXPENDITURES.

The Expenditures of the year have been as follows, chargeable to their respective appropriations in the following amounts, viz :

State Tax,.....	2,342 20
County Tax,.....	3,114 96
Schools,.....	5,430 28
School House Tax,.....	3,075 00
Teachers' Institute,.....	150 00
Outstanding Town Debt,.....	398 43

Roads and Bridges,.....	2,689 90
Fire Department,.....	2,298 69
Police and Watch,.....	833 10
Printing and Stationery,.....	503 71
Incidental Expenses,.....	350 80
Interest Account,.....	740 50
City Paupers,.....	1,392 89
County Paupers,.....	457 30
Health Department,.....	12 00
Professional Services,.....	467 76
Abatement of Taxes,.....	79 35
Salary of City Officers,.....	2,055 00
City Farm,.....	475 47
Gravel Lot,.....	350 00
Streets and Common Sewers,.....	1,310 58
Reservoirs,.....	236 44
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	\$28,758 38

RECEIPTS.

The revenue of the year has been derived from the following sources, viz :

Received from J. L. Cilley, Collector of Taxes for 1854,.....	23,386 74
Received from State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	430 80
“ “ Town of Northwood,.....	114 86
“ for Land sold Moses Humphrey,....	20 00
“ “ Licenses,.....	49 75
“ from Town Agency,.....	130 84
“ for Dearborn House, sold,.....	100 00
“ from Abr. Bean, outstanding Taxes,.	550 00
“ for License,.....	5 75
“ from Co. Treasurer, for Co. Paupers,.	698 81
“ for License,.....	2 00
“ from State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,.	3,726 00
“ “ Town of Warner,.....	150 00
“ for Premiums on Bonds already sold,.	213 83
“ Dividend on Mechanicks Bank Stock,.	56 00
“ from Police Judge, for Fines, &c.,...	168 16
“ from Town of Boscawen, for Paupers,	41 78

To which may be added the amount in the Collector's hands, or uncollected of the Taxes for the year 1854,.....	1,474 28
And to which may be added the amount due from the Montreal Railroad for expenditures at the crossing over Free Bridge Road,.....	700 00
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	\$32,019 18

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The details of the expenditures will be found under the several heads of appropriations appended.

Annexed are also schedules of the property at the City Farm, a statement of the City debt, and debts due the City, together with the valuation of real estate owned by the City, present value of our Bridges, the property in the hands of the Fire Department, and of the several Officers of the City.

It appears, upon a careful examination, that the expenditures of the City for the two years of its organization have fallen considerably within its receipts, and, as compared with the last two years of its Town organization, will present the following results, viz:

|                                                        |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1851, upon poll & estate, 184 per cent.; reduced value | 92   |
| 1852, Town, " " 147 " " " "                            | 73.5 |
| 1853, City, " " 122 " " " "                            | 61   |
| 1854, City, " " 116 " " " "                            | 58   |

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOSEPH LOW,         | } Committee<br>on<br>Finance. |
| JOHN L. TALLANT,    |                               |
| JOSEPH P. STICKNEY, |                               |
| HEMAN SANBORN,      |                               |

# EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## CITY OF CONCORD,

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1855.

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### State Tax.

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Paid State Treasurer,..... | 2,342 20 |
|----------------------------|----------|

### County Tax.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Paid County Treasurer,..... | 3,114 96 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

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\$5,457 16

### Interest on City Debt.

|                                                                                  |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Paid Joseph B. Walker, interest on note to North<br>Congregational Society,..... | 60 00 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

|                                                                             |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Paid Mary G. Stickney, interest on note to Fem.<br>Charitable Society,..... | 60 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid Mary G. Stickney, interest on note to Fem.<br>Charitable Society,..... | 116 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|

|                                                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Paid Nathan Stickney, interest on note given up, | 94 86 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| “ Joseph B. Walker, “ “ “ “ | 7 65 |
|-----------------------------|------|

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| “ Mathew Harvey, “ “ “ “ | 15 40 |
|--------------------------|-------|

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| “ Abraham Bean, “ “ “ “ | 30 50 |
|-------------------------|-------|

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| “ M. S. Farnum, “ “ “ “ | 46 79 |
|-------------------------|-------|

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| “ Interest on Parsonage Fund,..... | 281 80 |
|------------------------------------|--------|

|                                            |       |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| “ W. Odlin, interest on School Order,..... | 27 50 |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|

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\$740 50



**For Schools.**

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Paid District No. 1,.....   | 90 73      |
| " " " 2,.....               | 69 06      |
| " " " 3,.....               | 214 38     |
| " " " 4,.....               | 64 32      |
| " " " 5,.....               | 72 62      |
| " " " 6,.....               | 58 75      |
| " " " 7,.....               | 82 92      |
| " " " 8,.....               | 96 88      |
| " " " 9,.....               | 897 00     |
| " " " 10,.....              | 2,028 10   |
| " " " 11,.....              | 644 60     |
| " " " 12,.....              | 134 39     |
| " " " 13,.....              | 113 56     |
| " " " 14,.....              | 60 98      |
| " " " 15,.....              | 50 28      |
| " " " 16,.....              | 44 73      |
| " " " 17,.....              | 37 53      |
| " " " 18,.....              | 100 35     |
| " " " 19,.....              | 126 73     |
| " " " 20,.....              | 307 65     |
| " " " 21,.....              | 59 69      |
| " " " 22,.....              | 47 90      |
| " " " 23,.....              | 20 49      |
| " " " 8, in Hopkinton,..... | 6 64       |
| <hr/>                       |            |
|                             | \$5,430 28 |

**School House Taxes.**

|                                              |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid Ephraim C. Elliot, District No. 1,..... | 150 00     |
| " Joseph S. Lund, " " 9,.....                | 850 00     |
| " David J. Abbott, " " 9,.....               | 75 00      |
| " Eleazer Jackson, " " 10,.....              | 1,300 00   |
| " Moody S. Farnum, " " 13,.....              | 100 00     |
| " George G. Virgin, " " 14,.....             | 150 00     |
| " H. H. Brown, " " 20,.....                  | 450 00     |
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|                                              | \$3,075 00 |

**Teachers' Institute.**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Paid G. S. Barnes,..... | \$150 00 |
|-------------------------|----------|

### City Paupers.

|                                                                      |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid Albert H. Drown, for 13 days' services at pest house,.....      | 26 00  |
| Paid S. B. Hoyt, for services drawing wood, &c., at pest house,..... | 15 25  |
| Paid John Batchelder, for stores for sick,.....                      | 69 68  |
| “ J. P. Saunders, for articles of clothing,....                      | 13 00  |
| “ J. D. Watkins, for services at pest house,.                        | 8 25   |
| “ J. S. Durgin, stores for Hezekiah Davis,..                         | 4 25   |
| “ Amsden & Merriam, stove, &c.—pest house,                           | 20 17  |
| “ Jas. F. Sargent, services in small pox cases,                      | 11 00  |
| “ Jere. M. Smith, rent & damage of furniture,                        | 47 00  |
| “ John Morrill, for services in pest house,...                       | 57 00  |
| “ Jas. F. Sargent, services in small pox cases,                      | 5 00   |
| “ A. H. Robinson, for aid,.....                                      | 13 75  |
| “ Joseph Low, for supplies to several paupers,                       | 6 60   |
| “ Elliot Braley, for service in small pox,....                       | 65     |
| “ John Carter, for support of sister,.....                           | 26 00  |
| “ Thomas Keeley, for service in pest house,.                         | 23 00  |
| “ Isaac A. Hill, for wood to paupers,.....                           | 9 00   |
| “ Thomas Chadbourne, professional service in small pox,.....         | 174 00 |
| Paid Jas. F. Sargent, prof. service for N. Dunlap,                   | 8 00   |
| “ Jos. Brown, funeral expenses for N. Dunlap,                        | 5 00   |
| “ Moses Carter, prof. service at pest house,..                       | 50 00  |
| “ J. S. Russ, for R. R. ticket for S. O. Dickey,                     | 1 65   |
| “ John J. Morrill, clothing lost, small pox cases,                   | 25 00  |
| “ Moses H. Fifield, articles for pest house,..                       | 4 97   |
| “ M. Farnum, for aiding Rebecca Currier,..                           | 8 00   |
| “ Frank Hoyt, for wood to Sarah Arlin,....                           | 4 50   |
| “ J. J. Wyman, for journeys to Fisherville,.                         | 3 00   |
| “ Heman Sanborn, funeral service (small pox),                        | 5 00   |
| “ John Boardman, for supplies to pest house,                         | 2 50   |
| “ N. H. Asylum, board & clothing S.O.Dickey,                         | 32 29  |
| “ Samuel Holt, watching in small pox cases,                          | 4 87   |
| “ Rufus D. Scales, for articles for pest house,                      | 1 75   |
| “ J. R. Vesper, services in small pox cases,.                        | 10 00  |
| “ Henry D. White, for vaccination,.....                              | 4 75   |
| “ J. S. Rollins, medicines for small pox patients,                   | 3 85   |
| “ John Batchelder, for articles for pest house,                      | 13 31  |
| “ N. G. Spiller, support of parents,.....                            | 6 50   |
| “ Charles H. Clough, articles for Arlin family,                      | 3 26   |
| “ Kimball & Hoit, for supplies to Abr. Gates,                        | 12 48  |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid N. H. Asylum, for support of S. O. Dickey,                              | 24 18  |
| “ Town of Northwood, aid to Catharine Davis,                                 | 4 00   |
| “ Bullock & Sargent, balance of account for provisions for Mrs. Cilley,..... | 13 24  |
| Paid Moses Gill, on account of paupers at Farm,                              | 250 00 |
| “ John M. Dearborn, supplies to Moscs Sargent,                               | 7 31   |
| “ Isaac Emerson, support of Rebecca Currier,                                 | 6 00   |
| “ J. L. Cilley, 3 journeys, &c., for paupers,.                               | 34 52  |
| “ E. B. Tenney, for clothing to Joel Puffer,                                 | 6 25   |
| “ J. D. Watkins, rent for small pox patients,.                               | 2 00   |
| “ W. H. Hosmer, vaccination of 12 persons,                                   | 5 00   |
| “ N. G. Spiller, for support of parents,.....                                | 13 00  |
| “ John M. Dearborn, supplies to Wilson family,                               | 11 43  |
| “ Asa A. Blanchard, for wood at pest house,                                  | 1 62   |
| “ Moses T. Clough, for freight of Mrs. Dow's furniture from Nashua,.....     | 3 00   |
| Paid James F. Sargent, journey to Warner after pauper,.....                  | 3 00   |
| Paid Heman Sanborn, funeral expenses of Mrs. Wilson, .....                   | 5 50   |
| Paid John Batchelder, for supplies to Eleazer Davis' family,.....            | 24 82  |
| Paid John Whipple, rent of N. Dunlap,.....                                   | 3 00   |
| “ Benj. J. Prescott, for wood for pauper,....                                | 4 50   |
| “ Jane Dimond, support of pauper, at Warner,                                 | 5 00   |
| “ John L. Tallant, paid for nursing child of Wilson, .....                   | 1 50   |
| Paid James Hoit, journey to Warner after pauper,                             | 2 50   |
| “ Lowell Eastman, for services at pest house,                                | 2 00   |
| “ J. L. Cilley, journey to Northwood after pauper,.....                      | 2 10   |
| Paid Charles H. Clough, for articles for pest house,                         | 3 00   |
| “ D. A. Hill, coffins for McCoy and Currier,.                                | 4 50   |
| “ City of Nashua, for aid to Mrs. Dow,.....                                  | 165 66 |
| “ N. H. Asylum, support of Dow and Lines,                                    | 3 25   |
| “ H. H. Amsden, for supplies to paupers,...                                  | 6 46   |
| “ John D. A. West, supplies to Mrs. Barnes,                                  | 1 25   |
| “ Sarah Kimball, support of Rebecca Currier,                                 | 11 50  |
| “ Joseph Brown, coffins and funeral expenses of Mrs. Wilson and Dickey,..... | 10 00  |
| Paid H. H. & J. S. Brown, articles at pest house,                            | 58     |
| “ J. D. Watkins, for digging graves,.....                                    | 2 00   |
| “ Geo. W. Wadleigh, for robe for Mrs. Davis,                                 | 1 50   |

|                                                  |            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid John A. Coburn, for coffin for Mrs. Davis,. | 2 50       |
| “ Levi W. Brown, for wood for D. Rowe,....       | 4 94       |
|                                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                                  | \$1,392 89 |

### County Paupers.

|                                                                                  |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Paid Tim. Haynes, prof. service for Mrs. Drew,                                   | 18 75 |
| “ John C. Ordway, for wood for Mrs. Storin,                                      | 5 00  |
| “ Isaac A. Hill, wood for County paupers,..                                      | 7 00  |
| “ John A. Coburn, coffin and funeral expenses<br>for pauper,.....                | 6 00  |
| Paid Charles H. Clough, articles for Co. paupers,                                | 7 00  |
| “ Kimball & Hoit, supplies for Co. paupers,.                                     | 24 16 |
| “ J. M. Jones, for wood for County pauper,.                                      | 3 12  |
| “ N. H. Asylum, support of Dennis Scannell,                                      | 25 43 |
| “ Kimball & Hoit, for supplies to McCarty,.                                      | 3 00  |
| “ N. H. Asylum, support of Dennis Scannell,                                      | 39 68 |
| “ True George, expenses of County pauper,                                        | 6 00  |
| “ Owen Garland, for aid to Mrs. Roberts,...                                      | 12 00 |
| “ Timothy Haynes, for professional service<br>in case of B. F. Brown,.....       | 5 00  |
| Paid James F. Sargent, for professional services<br>for County paupers,.....     | 50 75 |
| Paid S. C. Badger, rent for Mrs. Buckman,....                                    | 50 00 |
| “ H. H. Goodrich, for services in case of B.<br>F. Brown,.....                   | 16 00 |
| Paid N. H. Asylum, support of Dennis Scannell,                                   | 29 57 |
| “ E. G. Kilburn, board & nursing Mrs. Locke,                                     | 12 50 |
| “ A. G. Saltmarsh, for wood to Mrs. Dorety,                                      | 4 00  |
| “ Charles H. Clough, supplies to B. F. Brown,                                    | 11 38 |
| “ Charles K. Fisk, for wood for Donahoe,....                                     | 4 75  |
| “ John Abbot, supplies for B. F. Brown and<br>Wm. Arlin,.....                    | 12 70 |
| Paid Seavey & Lang, for wood to Mrs. Scannell,                                   | 10 00 |
| “ G. Knowles, for digging grave,.....                                            | 2 00  |
| “ J. D. A. West, for supplies to paupers,....                                    | 6 00  |
| “ James Thompson, supplies to Richard Lee,                                       | 8 37  |
| “ N. H. Asylum, for support of D. Scannell,                                      | 32 81 |
| “ B. F. Dow, for wood to B. F. Brown,.....                                       | 2 00  |
| “ G. W. Leavitt, for wood for Robinson,....                                      | 5 12  |
| “ Joseph Brown, for coffin, robe, and funeral<br>expenses of Joseph Master,..... | 6 00  |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Michael Kelby, board for pauper,.....                       | 2 00     |
| “ James Hoit, wood for Mrs. Dorety,.....                         | 5 00     |
| “ C. T. Gage, prof. service for Mrs. Locke,.                     | 6 00     |
| “ George W. Ela, for services in relation to<br>Wm. Barnes,..... | 2 00     |
| Paid Robert C. Osgood, for Donahoe and Darby,                    | 10 27    |
|                                                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                                                  | \$457 30 |

### **Improvement of City Farm.**

|                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Wm. Bedell, for wagon,.....               | 60 00    |
| “ George Hutchins & Co., for shingles,....     | 13 12    |
| “ Hiram Farnum, for building wall and fence,   | 27 20    |
| “ George D. Abbot, for materials and painting. | 172 76   |
| “ R. L. Hall, repairs on building,.....        | 115 77   |
| “ Rixford & Bunker, for sash,.....             | 4 60     |
| “ Charles H. Clough, for lumber and nails,..   | 8 52     |
| “ Emerson & Cutting, for lumber,.....          | 7 73     |
| “ Wm. H. Page, for room paper,.....            | 6 18     |
| “ Moore & Cilley, for sheet lead,.....         | 4 55     |
| “ George Hutchins & Co., lime and lumber,      | 38 37    |
| “ G. Sanders & Co., for stove and apparatus,   | 14 17    |
| “ John Abbot, building gate, repairing fence,  | 2 50     |
|                                                | <hr/>    |
|                                                | \$475 47 |

### **Outstanding Town Debt.**

|                                                                       |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid M. C. M. F. I. Co., insuring Burgin house.                       | 14 11    |
| “ Wm. P. & T. H. Ford, iron castings,.....                            | 1 20     |
| “ J. B. Walker, in aid of History of Concord,<br>as per vote,.....    | 300 00   |
| Paid J. D. Norton, in aid of temperance, as per<br>vote of town,..... | 75 00    |
| Paid Jonathan P. Leavitt, plank for bridge, 1853,                     | 8 12     |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                                                       | \$398 43 |

### **Health Department.**

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. H. Parker, Health Officer,..... | 6 00    |
| “ Timothy Haynes, Health officer,.....  | 6 00    |
|                                         | <hr/>   |
|                                         | \$12 00 |

**Roads and Bridges.**

|                                                                         |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid James Prescott & Co.,.....                                         | 30 25  |
| “ Adna S. Fowler, for work on hill, near jail,                          | 7 00   |
| “ E. S. Horner, for 1 day's work.....                                   | 1 50   |
| “ Clark & Nutting, stone work,.....                                     | 10 60  |
| “ Abel Baker, work done on Pleasant street,                             | 3 75   |
| “ Barney Mahon, work done on Main street,.                              | 7 50   |
| “ True George, work on hill near jail,.....                             | 14 18  |
| “ J. D. Watkins, labor on road, and snowing<br>Fisherville Bridge,..... | 8 75   |
| Paid Concord R. R., gravelling road near South<br>Church,.....          | 18 50  |
| Paid David Abbot, Jun., labor on highway and<br>snowing bridge,.....    | 10 42  |
| Paid B. G. Davis, repair of highways,.....                              | 7 00   |
| “ Heman Sanborn, snowing bridge to March<br>7th, 1854,.....             | 7 50   |
| Paid Benj. Parker, for surveying road to Farnum's<br>mills,.....        | 2 00   |
| Paid Luther M. Hoit, snowing Horse Hill bridge,                         | 50     |
| “ Abel B. Holt, special repairs on F. B. road,                          | 887 84 |
| “ David Abbot, 2d, rubble at S. Falls bridge,                           | 256 00 |
| “ Jeremiah P. Boyes, for land damage,.....                              | 50 00  |
| “ J. F. Potter, for repairs on highway,.....                            | 7 70   |
| “ James F. Lund, for planking materials,...                             | 44 22  |
| “ Reuben K. Abbot, work on new road near<br>Corliss',.....              | 25 00  |
| Paid Samuel Hutchins, lumber, & labor on road<br>and bridge,.....       | 182 43 |
| Paid L. P. Boyes, making road in District No. 1,                        | 50 00  |
| Paid Aaron Q. Farnum, putting up railing on bank,                       | 5 50   |
| “ A. B. Holt, labor, and plank for bridges and<br>aqueduct,.....        | 164 51 |
| Paid Wm. T. Locke, work on road over D. Plain,                          | 36 12  |
| “ John Langley, material & work on Soucook<br>bridge,.....              | 80 88  |
| Paid Sam. L. Baker, work on Hopkinton new road,                         | 63 73  |
| “ Atkinson Webster, for timber, and labor on<br>highways,.....          | 7 14   |
| Paid Town of Pembroke, material and labor at<br>Soucook bridge,.....    | 16 60  |
| Paid Thomas D. Potter, work on highway,.....                            | 10 00  |
| “ B. G. Davis, work on bridges near his house,                          | 4 53   |

|                                                                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid John Ewer, lumber for Lovejoy's bridge,.                                           | 17 58      |
| " Carlton Heath, plank for Turkey Pond bridge,                                          | 12 35      |
| " Benjamin Hoit, cutting brush on Bog road,                                             | 6 00       |
| " William Pecker, work at Federal bridge,..                                             | 6 34       |
| " Robert B. Hoit, snowing Horse Hill bridge,<br>and hauling plank,.....                 | 6 00       |
| Paid James Weeks, hauling stone for reservoirs<br>and culverts, and labor on road,..... | 109 96     |
| Paid Reuben Goodwin, work at S. F. Bridge hill,                                         | 10 00      |
| " Samuel Hutchins, work at S. F. Bridge hill,                                           | 10 00      |
| " Amos Sawyer, plank & work at R. R. bridge,                                            | 3 00       |
| " A. H. Coleman, culvert and rubbling near<br>N. White's,.....                          | 16 00      |
| Paid M. B. Abbot, plank for bridge near his house,                                      | 3 77       |
| " Hazen Abbot, lumber for water course, near<br>his house,.....                         | 2 35       |
| Paid Joseph S. Lund, plank at Soucook bridge,                                           | 7 52       |
| " Geo. G. Virgin, moving wall & breaking road,                                          | 6 75       |
| " Stephen Brown, extra highway work, 1853,                                              | 88 58      |
| " John Pettingill, highway work on Pleasant<br>street, 1853,.....                       | 45 86      |
| Paid Augustine C. Carter, extra highway work in<br>his district,.....                   | 4 00       |
| Paid Isaac Eastman, putting up guide boards, &c.,                                       | 1 40       |
| " Moses Shute, work on culvert.....                                                     | 9 00       |
| " Daniel Farnum, for making new highway to<br>Farnum's mills,.....                      | 100 00     |
| Paid George D. Abbot, for street signs,.....                                            | 98 08      |
| " C. H. Sanborn, repair on Federal bridge,.                                             | 75         |
| " Lowell Eastman, plank for bridges,.....                                               | 10 18      |
| " Alex. Nichols, flagging stone for culverts,.                                          | 92 28      |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>      |
|                                                                                         | \$2,689 90 |

### Reservoirs.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Luther Roby & Son,..... | 173 72   |
| " J. D. Fife,.....           | 62 72    |
|                              | <hr/>    |
|                              | \$236 44 |

### Gravel Lot on Warren Street.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Paid Brown & Lund,..... | 350 00 |
|-------------------------|--------|

**Streets and Common Sewers.**

|                                                                     |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid H. M. Robinson, for making drain near Farrington's house,..... | 49 85      |
| Paid James F. Lund, making sewer on State-st.,                      | 595 47     |
| “ Stephen Brown, making sewer on School-st., 1853,.....             | 102 29     |
| Paid Alexander & Sargent, stone for culvert in State-st.....        | 213 40     |
| “ John & Jeremiah Mills, making sewer on State-st.,.....            | 85 36      |
| Paid Seba Mills, work on drains and crossings,.                     | 52 00      |
| “ Jeremiah Mills, work on culvert, near Dea. Willey's,.....         | 47 25      |
| Paid John Mills, work on culverts,.....                             | 57 00      |
| “ Jacob Hoit, grates for cess pools,.....                           | 30 30      |
| “ Josiah Sanborn, drawing stone from P. Farm,                       | 38 41      |
| “ C. & Ira Abbot, work on culvert on Bog road,                      | 39 25      |
|                                                                     | <hr/>      |
|                                                                     | \$1,310 58 |

**Salaries.**

|                                                                              |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid A. C. Pierce, Assessor,.....                                            | 25 00      |
| “ Enos Blake, Assessor,.....                                                 | 28 00      |
| “ Nathan Stickney, Assessor, making taxes,.                                  | 68 00      |
| “ Nathan Chandler, Assessor,.....                                            | 12 00      |
| “ William Pecker, Assessor,.....                                             | 12 00      |
| “ John Abbot, Assessor,.....                                                 | 16 00      |
| “ Joseph Low, Mayor,.....                                                    | 200 00     |
| “ J. E. Lang, City Treasurer,.....                                           | 50 00      |
| “ David Watson, City Clerk,.....                                             | 200 00     |
| “ Amos Hadley, Clerk of Common Council,                                      | 75 00      |
| “ J. L. Cilley, Marshal and Collector,.....                                  | 450 00     |
| “ Wm. H. Bartlett, City Solicitor,.....                                      | 50 00      |
| “ Josiah Stevens, Police Judge,.....                                         | 250 00     |
| “ S. B. Larkin, special services in 1853,....                                | 2 00       |
| “ Samuel Coffin, special services,.....                                      | 44 00      |
| “ Wm. Abbot, Jun., Assessor,.....                                            | 13 00      |
| “ G. W. Ordway, superintending repairs at railroad bridge and culverts,..... | 10 00      |
| Paid Superintending School Committee,.....                                   | 150 00     |
| “ Moses Gill, Overseer of Poor Farm,.....                                    | 400 00     |
|                                                                              | <hr/>      |
|                                                                              | \$2,055 00 |



**Contingencies of Fire Department.**

|                                                                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid H. M. Robinson, aqueduct,.....                                                    | 1 00   |
| “ John Sawyer, stone for Engine house,....                                             | 1 25   |
| “ Asa H. Morrill, work on Engine house,...                                             | 2 00   |
| “ P. M. Smith, wall for Engine house,.....                                             | 3 13   |
| “ H. Rolfe & Sons, boards for Engine house,                                            | 11 05  |
| “ John Emerson, pair of belts,.....                                                    | 50     |
| “ Blackmer & Walker, plated figures for No. 3,                                         | 3 86   |
| “ George Dame, hauling engine to fire,.....                                            | 1 37   |
| “ Moses Ordway, oil cask and setting,.....                                             | 2 28   |
| “ Warde & Walker, rope for engine,.....                                                | 2 24   |
| “ Blackmer & Walker, silver figures for No. 7,                                         | 6 67   |
| “ Durrill Smart, for moving Engine house,..                                            | 21 00  |
| “ Charles K. West, for damage to fence,....                                            | 2 00   |
| “ Dexter W. Smith, hauling engines to fires,                                           | 8 50   |
| “ Dexter W. Smith, loss of horse,.....                                                 | 100 00 |
| “ Shelton & Cheever, for hose,.....                                                    | 81 50  |
| “ O. G. Ingalls, repairing hooks and hose,..                                           | 5 00   |
| “ J. C. Harvey, repairing Engine No. 5,....                                            | 10 40  |
| “ J. J. Wyman, work on reservoirs,.....                                                | 2 50   |
| “ Jefferson Noyes, work on Engine house,..                                             | 67     |
| “ L. P. Fuller, work on engine apparatus,...                                           | 37 13  |
| “ W. P. Hardy, articles for Engine Cos. 3 & 4,                                         | 3 69   |
| “ Smart & Sewall, drawing engine to fires,..                                           | 3 00   |
| “ J. C. Osgood, care of engine and hose,....                                           | 16 48  |
| “ Brown & Morgan, oil for engines,.....                                                | 9 38   |
| “ A. B. Holt, keys for engine men, and work<br>on reservoirs,.....                     | 15 75  |
| Paid Samuel L. Currier, for drawing engine to<br>McConnell's mills, (less \$1.50)..... | 6 50   |
| Paid Samuel M. Griffin, repair of Engine No. 2,                                        | 12 00  |
| “ N. Y. & C. G. Co., for drawing engine to fire,                                       | 2 00   |
| “ D. Symonds, repairing buckets,.....                                                  | 10 88  |
| “ L. D. Sherburn, drawing engine to fire,...                                           | 1 00   |
| “ Blackmer & Walker, figures for No. 1,...                                             | 5 17   |
| “ J. D. A. West, books and fluid,.....                                                 | 1 90   |
| “ F. A. Fiske & Co., wood for Engine No. 2,                                            | 2 50   |
| “ J. D. Teel, 6 lbs. tallow for Engine No. 2,                                          | 75     |
| “ H. H. Holt, services as steward,.....                                                | 27 50  |
| “ H. P. Moore, painting Engine No. 7,.....                                             | 6 50   |
| “ S. B. Marston, repairing Engine No. 2,...                                            | 50     |
| “ James Prescott, horses to fires on the Plains,                                       | 10 00  |
| “ Hosea Fessenden, work on hose and buckets,                                           | 26 87  |

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid D. S. Webster, hauling engines to fires,... | 11 00    |
| " Seba Mills, repairing reservoirs,.....         | 3 50     |
| " Tallant & Savory, hauling engines to fires,    | 7 00     |
| " True Osgood, services as Assistant Engineer,   | 13 00    |
| " H. M. Robinson, water from aqueduct,....       | 6 00     |
| " Lowell Eastman, plank and brake-poles for      |          |
| " Nos. 2, 3 & 4,.....                            | 9 53     |
|                                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                                  | \$516 41 |

### **Pay of Fire Department.**

|                                                                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid A. H. Drown, for No. 8 Engine men, 1853,                                        | 92 00      |
| " Horace H. Holt, annual allowance & special<br>service of No. 2 Engine men,.....    | 413 75     |
| Paid Caleb Parker, annual allowance and special<br>service of No. 3 Engine men,..... | 355 55     |
| Paid C. I. Elliot, annual allowance and special<br>service of No. 4 Engine men,..... | 421 13     |
| Paid John Abbot, annual allowance and special<br>service of No. 6 Engine men,.....   | 192 30     |
| Paid C. E. Robinson, annual allowance & special<br>service of No. 7 Engine men,..... | 194 15     |
| Paid A. H. Drown, annual allowance and special<br>service of No. 8 Engine men,.....  | 113 40     |
|                                                                                      | <hr/>      |
|                                                                                      | \$1,782 28 |

### **Watch and Police.**

|                                                  |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid A. H. Drown, services as Assistant Marshal, | 33 05  |
| " C. W. Harvey,.....                             | 42     |
| " Gas Light Company,.....                        | 7 50   |
| " J. J. Wyman, night watch.....                  | 89 00  |
| " S. B. Whicher, night watch,.....               | 89 00  |
| " J. J. Wyman, night watch,.....                 | 61 00  |
| " Gas Light Company,.....                        | 2 63   |
| " J. J. Wyman, night watch,.....                 | 35 00  |
| " J. M. Ordway, night watch,.....                | 9 00   |
| " Gas Light Company,.....                        | 3 75   |
| " S. B. Whicher, night watch,.....               | 153 00 |
| " George C. Robinson, police services,.....      | 31 71  |
| " Isaac Eastman, police services,.....           | 4 00   |
| " James Hoit, police services,.....              | 4 50   |
| " John Pettingill, services as Deputy Sheriff,   | 7 15   |

|                                                                      |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid J. J. Wyman, night watch,.....                                  | 6 00     |
| “ C. D. Drew, police service and night watch,                        | 1 50     |
| “ S. B. Whicher, night and day watch,.....                           | 145 00   |
| “ Gas Light Company,.....                                            | 15 20    |
| “ Charles H. Norton, rent for Marshal and<br>Police Judge room,..... | 45 63    |
| Paid J. J. Wyman, police service,.....                               | 3 00     |
| “ J. L. Cilley, extra watch & expense at fires,                      | 27 50    |
| “ G. C. Houston, 1 day's police service.....                         | 1 50     |
| “ Lowell Eastman, police & engineer services,                        | 52 31    |
| “ John L. Tallant, wood for Marshal's office,                        | 4 75     |
|                                                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                                                      | \$833 10 |

#### **Abatement of Taxes by orders on Treasury.**

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Josiah Stevens,.....    | 3 05    |
| “ S. A. Kimball,.....        | 5 49    |
| “ James C. Whittemore,.....  | 3 05    |
| “ Thomas W. Young,.....      | 7 93    |
| “ Charles Libbey, 1852,..... | 3 65    |
| “ James R. Chase,.....       | 4 37    |
| “ Caleb Keith,.....          | 1 40    |
| “ Joseph W. Prescott,.....   | 5 80    |
| “ Calvin Mooney,.....        | 1 16    |
| “ Robert Eastman,.....       | 1 40    |
| “ Aaron Eastabrook,.....     | 2 12    |
| “ David Bartlett,.....       | 1 44    |
| “ Caleb Brown,.....          | 1 44    |
| “ John Kelley,.....          | 5 06    |
| “ James Sanborn,.....        | 4 80    |
| “ C. A. W. Folsom,.....      | 1 22    |
| “ John Eastman,.....         | 7 20    |
| “ J. R. C. Hoit,.....        | 1 44    |
| “ Thomas Tewksbury,.....     | 4 32    |
| “ William Haywood,.....      | 76      |
| “ Zebulon Smith,.....        | 57      |
| “ M. M. Tallant,.....        | 19      |
| “ John Ewer,.....            | 1 52    |
| “ Isaac F. Hoit,.....        | 65      |
| “ Daniel Marden,.....        | 5 84    |
| “ Joseph Robinson,.....      | 3 48    |
|                              | <hr/>   |
|                              | \$79 35 |

**Incidentals.**

|                                                                     |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Moses Cass, cleaning rooms,.....                               | 3 00    |
| “ Wm. Beedle, wood for Clerk’s office.....                          | 4 00    |
| “ Richard Sargent, sawing wood,.....                                | 1 00    |
| “ C. & E. Savory, damage to carriage,.....                          | 3 00    |
| “ Seth Eastman, expenses Butterfield’s inquest,                     | 30 42   |
| “ M. Bigelow, stamp for Auditors of account,                        | 6 12    |
| “ J. J. Wyman, setting glass at Clerk’s office,                     | 75      |
| “ Geo. W. Parsons, damage to horse at Free<br>Bridge,.....          | * 25 00 |
| Paid Post Office account,.....                                      | 1 30    |
| “ Moses Cass, cleaning rooms for City Council,                      | 6 00    |
| “ Post Office account,.....                                         | 2 31    |
| “ David Watson, assistance to Assessors,....                        | 26 50   |
| “ M. C. Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insurance,                       | 14 70   |
| “ J. J. Clark, damage to wagon and furniture,                       | 13 55   |
| “ Asa Parker, use of room for ward meeting,                         | 2 00    |
| “ Post Office account,.....                                         | 3 00    |
| “ John Eaton, sawing wood,.....                                     | 2 75    |
| “ J. W. Batchelder, pest house burnt,.....                          | 20 00   |
| “ C. S. Colby, by damage defect of highway,                         | 20 00   |
| Paid B. F. Watson, enrolling militia,.....                          | 5 00    |
| “ James H. Chase, for stove,.....                                   | 3 25    |
| “ John Eaton, sawing wood,.....                                     | 3 00    |
| “ Jacob Jenness, damage to wagon,.....                              | 50      |
| “ L. L. Mower, enrolling militia, 1853 & 1854,                      | 10 00   |
| “ J. Eastman, use of room for ward meeting,                         | 6 00    |
| “ Moses Cass, cleaning room for City Council,                       | 1 00    |
| “ B. F. Gale, surveying,.....                                       | 5 50    |
| “ Post Office account,.....                                         | 1 28    |
| “ Joel Frazier, work on highway,.....                               | 3 15    |
| “ Merrimack County, wood,.....                                      | 3 00    |
| “ Lincoln & Shaw, rent of Marshal’s room,.                          | 9 73    |
| “ J. L. Cilley, cost on executions,.....                            | 26 39   |
| “ J. C. Flanders, services as Referee,.....                         | 13 20   |
| “ Daniel A. Hill, cases for Clerk’s office,....                     | 34 00   |
| “ School District 19, room for ward meeting,                        | 4 00    |
| “ School District 3, use of room,.....                              | 4 00    |
| “ J. L. Cilley, wood for Marshal’s office and<br>Police Court,..... | 13 40   |
| Paid S. C. Badger, surveying in 1850 & 1852,.                       | 19 00   |

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**\$350 80**

**Printing and Stationery.**

|                                                                      |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid John F. Brown, stationery,.....                                 | 14 35    |
| “ B. W. Sanborn, advertising,.....                                   | 2 00     |
| “ McFarland & Jenks, printing check list,..                          | 3 00     |
| “ Joseph Peters, altering and stereotyping seal,                     | 1 37     |
| “ Norton & Crawford, record book for S. C.,                          | 1 25     |
| “ Barton & Hadley, printing 1st annual report,                       | 176 00   |
| “ Jones & Cogswell, printing Municipal Reg.,                         | 88 97    |
| “ G. P. Lyon, blank books and stationery,..                          | 10 96    |
| “ Morrill & Silsby, stationery,.....                                 | 40 34    |
| “ Wm. F. Holton, printing check lists,.....                          | 9 00     |
| “ McFarland & Jenks, advertising ordinances,<br>and printing,.....   | 62 51    |
| Paid Jones & Cogswell, blank book for S. C.,..                       | 4 00     |
| “ William Butterfield, printing check lists and<br>advertising,..... | 53 46    |
| Paid G. P. Lyon, blanks and stationery,.....                         | 2 00     |
| “ Barton & Hadley, advertising and printing,                         | 34 50    |
|                                                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                                                      | \$503 71 |

**Professional Service.**

|                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Rolfe & Marshall, professional service,....     | 19 00    |
| “ A. S. Alexander, professional service,....         | 12 25    |
| “ W. H. Bartlett, costs in case Henry Hubbard,       | 11 51    |
| “ James F. Sargent, vaccination,.....                | 1 50     |
| “ Ira Perley, professional service, 1853,....        | 45 00    |
| “ Asa Fowler, professional service, 1853,..          | 10 00    |
| “ George & Foster, professional service, 1853.       | 150 00   |
| “ Baker & Peabody, prof. service, 1852,....          | 46 50    |
| “ W. H. Bartlett, costs in case Henry Hubbard,       | 50 00    |
| “ M. W. Tappan, in case of Henry Hubbard,            | 55 00    |
| “ Ira Perley, in case of Elliot <i>vs.</i> Concord,. | 25 00    |
| “ Asa Fowler, in case of Elliot <i>vs.</i> Concord,  | 42 00    |
|                                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                                      | \$467 76 |

# REPORTS.

## Parsonage Funds.

The interest on the Parsonage Fund to January 1st, 1855, is \$281.80, distributed as follows :

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| North Congregational Society,.....           | 41 92    |
| West Congregational Society,.....            | 20 12    |
| South Congregational Society,.....           | 34 65    |
| East Congregational Society,.....            | 19 68    |
| Methodist Society,.....                      | 14 70    |
| First Baptist Society,.....                  | 28 26    |
| Pleasant-st. Baptist Society,.....           | 8 88     |
| Universalist Society,.....                   | 26 60    |
| Unitarian Society,.....                      | 31 72    |
| Episcopal Society,.....                      | 16 15    |
| Free Will Baptist Society,.....              | 6 28     |
| Christian Society,.....                      | 5 90     |
| Baptist Society, at Fisherville,.....        | 10 82    |
| Congregational Society, at Fisherville,..... | 10 31    |
| Methodist Society, at Fisherville,.....      | 3 98     |
| Universalist Society, at Fisherville,.....   | 1 83     |
|                                              | <hr/>    |
|                                              | \$281 80 |

## Debts due from the City, January 1, 1855.

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| To Timothy Walker,.....                       | 5,723 86 |
| “ Merrimack County Bank,.....                 | 492 23   |
| “ New-Hampshire Savings Bank,.....            | 2,480 38 |
| “ Abiel Walker,.....                          | 7,040 92 |
| “ Ann G. Merrill,.....                        | 2,455 66 |
| “ First Congregational Society (Noyes' note), | 1,046 16 |
| “ Concord Female Charitable Society,.....     | 2,994 67 |
| “ Moses Gill,.....                            | 1,098 70 |

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| To John W. Noyes,.....           | 3,326 81 |
| “ A. Q. Farnum,.....             | 534 66   |
| “ Simeon Farnum,.....            | 212 13   |
| “ Abraham Bean,.....             | 2,030 50 |
| “ Heman Sanborn,.....            | 340 11   |
| “ Nathan Stickney,.....          | 985 82   |
| “ Matthew Harvey,.....           | 1,415 40 |
| “ Parsonage Fund, interest,..... | 233 80   |

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\$32,311 81

February 1st, provided for by Bonds of the City, dated January 1st, 1855.

#### **Assets of the City, February 1, 1855.**

|                                                                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Four shares Mechanics' Bank stock,.....                                                       | 400 00    |
| George Bradley's note, interest to Feb. 1, 1855,                                              | 127 44    |
| Amount due from Concord & Claremont R. R.<br>for land damages, with interest to Feb. 1, 1855, | 347 15    |
| Town Hall lot, and Dearborn place,.....                                                       | 10,000 00 |
| Balance due from Abraham Bean, as per report<br>of Committee appointed to settle with same,.  | 124 00    |
| Balance due from J. C. Pillsbury on list of taxes<br>uncollected for 1853,.....               | 2,188 35  |
| Due from Montreal Railroad,.....                                                              | 700 00    |
| Due from J. L. Cilley on list of taxes uncollected<br>for 1854,.....                          | 1,474 28  |

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\$15,361 22

#### **Estimated value of Property connected with Cemeteries.**

|                                        | Hearses. | Houses. | Value. |
|----------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| North Cemetery,.....                   | 140      | 100     | 240    |
| East Village,.....                     | 100      | 65      | 165    |
| West Village,.....                     | 100      | 65      | 165    |
| Fisherville,.....                      | 100      | 65      | 165    |
| Mill Village,.....                     | 100      | 65      | 165    |
| New hearse sleigh, for East Village,.. | 35       |         | 35     |

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Total value, exclusive of lots and fence,..... \$935

**Inventory of Property at City Clerk's Office.**

|                                                                                            |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 long writing table, 6 drawers, valued at.....                                            | 10 00 |
| 1 short writing table, 2 drawers,.....                                                     | 5 00  |
| 2 large cases,.....                                                                        | 24 00 |
| 1 pine desk,.....                                                                          | 2 00  |
| 12 common chairs,.....                                                                     | 6 00  |
| 4 arm chairs,.....                                                                         | 6 00  |
| 2 book racks,.....                                                                         | 1 00  |
| 1 book case,.....                                                                          | 2 00  |
| 1 stove and funnel,.....                                                                   | 4 00  |
| 2 lamps and fluid can,.....                                                                | 1 25  |
| Shovel, tongs, brush, dust-pan, pitcher, hatchet,<br>and sundry other indispensables,..... | 2 00  |
| Sundry ink-stands, pen-rack, sand-boxes, scissors,<br>stationery, &c.,.....                | 5 00  |
| 1 small trunk,.....                                                                        | 1 25  |
| 1 Compiled Laws of New-Hampshire,.....                                                     | 1 83  |
| 1 Compiled Laws of N. H., in P. C. Room,....                                               | 83    |
| 1 Town Officer,.....                                                                       | 75    |
| 1 Geology of New-Hampshire,.....                                                           | 2 87  |
| Foster's New-Hampshire Reports, volume 1-4,                                                | 14 00 |
| New-Hampshire Reports, 3 volumes, unbound,..                                               | 3 00  |
| 3 Statistics of census of 1850,.....                                                       |       |
| 1 Compendium of census of 1840,.....                                                       |       |
| 2 List of U. S. Pensioners, 1840,.....                                                     |       |

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 \$92 78
**Inventory of Property at Marshal's Office.**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1 writing table,.....           | 8 00  |
| 1 stove and funnel,.....        | 9 00  |
| Stationery, &c.,.....           | 2 00  |
| 5 sets of handcuffs,.....       | 6 67  |
| 2 arm-chairs,.....              | 2 00  |
| 1 Desk for Police Justice,..... | 15 00 |
| 1 copy of Codified Laws,.....   | 1 83  |

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 \$44 50



# LIST OF OUTSTANDING CITY ORDERS,

DRAWN, BUT NOT TAKEN.



## Printing and Stationery.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| William Butterfield,..... | 53 46   |
| Jones & Cogswell,.....    | 4 00    |
|                           | <hr/>   |
|                           | \$57 46 |

## Roads and Bridges.

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Concord Railroad,..... | \$18 50 |
|------------------------|---------|

## County Paupers.

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Benjamin F. Dow,..... | 2 00    |
| R. C. Osgood,.....    | 10 27   |
|                       | <hr/>   |
|                       | \$12 27 |

## City Paupers.

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| John A. Coburn,..... | \$2 50 |
|----------------------|--------|

## Abatement of Taxes.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| James Sanborn,.....      | 4 80    |
| John Eastman,.....       | 7 20    |
| William Haywood,.....    | 76      |
| Marstin M. Tallant,..... | 19      |
| John Ewer,.....          | 1 52    |
| Isaac F. Hoyt,.....      | 65      |
| Daniel Marden,.....      | 5 84    |
|                          | <hr/>   |
|                          | \$20 96 |

**Salaries of City Officers.**

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| William Abbot, Jr.,.....                      | 13 00    |
| M. T. Willard, Supintending School Committee, | 150 00   |
| Joseph Low, .....                             | 200 00   |
|                                               | <hr/>    |
|                                               | \$363 00 |

**Fire Department.**

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| A. B. Holt,.....                     | 15 75   |
| Samuel L. Currier,.....              | 5 00    |
| New-York & Concord Granite Co.,..... | 2 00    |
| Blackmer & Walker,.....              | 5 17    |
| J. D. Teel & Co.,.....               | 75      |
| H. M. Robinson,.....                 | 6 00    |
|                                      | <hr/>   |
|                                      | \$34 67 |

**Incidentals.**

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| B. F. Gale,.....             | 5 50    |
| Merrimack County,.....       | 3 00    |
| Lincoln & Shaw,.....         | 9 73    |
| School District No. 19,..... | 4 00    |
|                              | <hr/>   |
|                              | \$22 23 |

**School Orders.**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Eleazer Jackson,..... | 18 24    |
| Isaac C. Boyes,.....  | 18 24    |
|                       | <hr/>    |
|                       | \$36 48  |
|                       | <hr/>    |
| Whole amount,.....    | \$568 07 |

# SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### COMMITTEE ON CITY FARM.

*To his Honor the Mayor, and the City Council:*

THE undersigned, Joint standing Committee on the Alms House and City Farm, have so far attended to the duties assigned them as to ask leave to submit the accompanying statement as a part of this second annual report under our City Charter :

|                                                 |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Appraised value of farm and buildings in 1854,  | 7,000 00 |
| Appraised value of personal property in 1854,.. | 2,521 81 |

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Total, ..... | \$9,521 81 |
|--------------|------------|

|                                                 |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Appraised value of farm and buildings in 1855,  | 7,400 00 |
| Appraised value of personal property in 1855,.. | 2,811 12 |

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Total, ..... | \$10,211 12 |
|--------------|-------------|

|                                                       |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Whole number Co. paupers receiving aid at Alms House, | 26 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----|

|                                           |    |
|-------------------------------------------|----|
| Whole number belonging to the City, ..... | 21 |
|-------------------------------------------|----|

|                                                         |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Whole number belonging to other towns in the State, ... | 4 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|

|                                               |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| Total who received aid during the year, ..... | 51 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|

The expenses for carrying on the farm during the last year will more fully appear under the appropriate report of the overseer, to which particular reference is solicited.

We can but venerate those fathers whose wisdom conceived, and untiring energy matured, the humane and economical plan of supporting the unfortunate poor at a town farm. Too much praise cannot be rendered them for their far-reaching philanthropic efforts.

Not least in importance is the wish that the benevolent of our citizens would occasionally look in upon the less fortunate of our race, notice the look of comfort, if not the expression of cheerfulness of the inmates, there domiciled and cared for, and, if possible, contemplate the contrast between the present and the past, when the revolting scene (until the purchase of this farm) was made, at the close of each annual town meeting, of "knocking down" to the *lowest* bidder the support of those whose misfortune was their poverty !

Fully to appreciate the beneficence of the changes, it is only necessary to visit the Alms House, critically examine the air of comfort appertaining thereto, notice the painstaking solicitude of the *matron* to impart comfort to those for whose welfare she so assiduously watches, and notice, too, the well arranged rooms, the warm and cleanly beds, the ample and wholesome provisions for the table, and none could for a moment believe there was a cry in our streets for bread, or that it was a calamitous providence which assigned a residence at our city Alms House.

The discrepancy in crops of the past year as compared with those of the *preceding*, are traceable to causes over which no human agency had any control. Our only surprise was that the severities of the drought the past summer no more extensively reduced the aggregate of those crops.

We are aware that, frequently, praise is bestowed without merit, and on occasions when the recipient was not benefited thereby ; but therefore to withhold it from the *really deserving* is neither generous nor just. We cannot close this report without adding our approbation to the "*well done*" so worthily bestowed upon the overseer and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Gill, in the last annual report ; and we should regard it alike detrimental to the welfare of the unfortunate residents as the pecuniary interests of the city, not to be able to secure their invaluable services at least another year.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ABBOTT,  
GEORGE W. BROWN, } *Committee.*

CONCORD, FEBRUARY 2d, 1855.

## INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE

### OF AND BELONGING TO THE CITY FARM.

|                                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Farm 180 acres, at \$30 per acre,.....        | 5,400 00   |
| Buildings, .....                              | 2,000 00   |
|                                               | <hr/>      |
|                                               | \$7,400 00 |
| 1 horse,.....                                 | 125 00     |
| 4 oxen, ....                                  | 280 00     |
| 8 cows, .....                                 | 190 00     |
| 3 two years old heifers,.....                 | 45 00      |
| 1 two years old bull,.....                    | 15 00      |
| 17 sheep, .....                               | 34 00      |
| 5 shoats, .....                               | 50 00      |
| 20 tons of English hay, at \$18 per ton,..... | 360 00     |
| 10 tons of brook hay, at \$10 per ton,.....   | 100 00     |
| 5 tons of straw and corn fodder,.....         | 40 00      |
| 100 bushels of corn,.....                     | 125 00     |
| 80 bushels of oats,.....                      | 48 00      |
| 3 bushels of peas,.....                       | 3 00       |
| 11 1-2 bushels of beans,.....                 | 23 00      |
| 350 bushels of potatoes,.....                 | 212 00     |
| 18 bushels of beets and carrots,.....         | 4 50       |
| 2 bushels of barley,.....                     | 2 50       |
| 3 1-2 barrels of clear pork,.....             | 70 00      |
| 4 barrels of beef,.....                       | 50 00      |
| 3 barrels of soap,.....                       | 15 00      |
| 1-2 barrel of vinegar,.....                   | 2 00       |
| 1-2 barrel of pickles,.....                   | 2 50       |
| 1-2 barrel flour,.....                        | 5 00       |
| 2 gallons of molasses,.....                   | 60         |
| 58 pounds of dried apples,.....               | 3 00       |
| 22 pounds of tea,.....                        | 5 00       |
| 472 pounds of cheese,.....                    | 59 00      |

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 60 pounds of butter,.....                        | 15 00  |
| 116 pounds of lard,.....                         | 11 60  |
| 180 pounds of ham,.....                          | 18 00  |
| 130 pounds of tallow,.....                       | 13 00  |
| 24 pounds of candles,.....                       | 3 60   |
| 50 pounds soap grease,.....                      | 3 00   |
| 164 pounds fresh beef,.....                      | 13 12  |
| 70 pounds husks,.....                            | 1 40   |
| 59 pounds of pork,.....                          | 5 90   |
| 70 pounds of mutton,.....                        | 4 50   |
| 1 sleigh and harness,.....                       | 25 00  |
| 2 gig wagons,.....                               | 80 00  |
| 4 carts,.....                                    | 15 00  |
| 2 pairs cart wheels,.....                        | 20 00  |
| 6 ploughs,.....                                  | 30 00  |
| 3 harrows,.....                                  | 12 00  |
| 7 saws and axes,.....                            | 5 00   |
| 3 shovels,.....                                  | 2 50   |
| 5 scythes and snaiths,.....                      | 5 00   |
| 6 hoes,.....                                     | 3 00   |
| 1 winnowing-mill,.....                           | 6 00   |
| 2 sleds and 1 barrow,.....                       | 8 00   |
| 40 dry cast-boxes and tubs,.....                 | 12 00  |
| 1 horse rake,.....                               | 8 00   |
| Horse-collar, trace-chains, and whiffletree,.... | 3 00   |
| 2 beetles and 5 wedges,.....                     | 2 00   |
| 3 grindstones,.....                              | 4 00   |
| 1 cultivator,.....                               | 2 50   |
| 4 ox-yokes,.....                                 | 12 00  |
| 4 augers and chisels,.....                       | 1 00   |
| 5 chains and 1 bar,.....                         | 6 00   |
| 40 cords of hard wood,.....                      | 160 00 |
| 25 cords of soft wood,.....                      | 75 00  |
| 7 pounds of sole leather,.....                   | 1 40   |
| 10 baskets,.....                                 | 4 00   |
| 2 grain cradles,.....                            | 2 50   |
| 2 buffalo robes,.....                            | 1 00   |
| 1 square,.....                                   | 50     |
| 1 shave,.....                                    | 50     |
| 1 brass cut saw,.....                            | 3 00   |
| 4 bushels of lime,.....                          | 1 00   |
| 1 set dry measures,.....                         | 1 00   |
| 1 steel trap,.....                               | 1 00   |

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|----------------------------------------|-------|
| 15 feather beds, at five dollars,..... | 75 00 |
| 21 blankets, .....                     | 20 00 |
| 30 pairs of sheets,.....               | 15 00 |
| 7 coverlets, .....                     | 7 00  |
| 25 comforters, .....                   | 25 00 |
| 24 quilts,.....                        | 24 00 |
| 30 pairs of pillow-cases,.....         | 6 00  |
| 18 bedsteds, .....                     | 12 00 |
| 16 straw ticks,.....                   | 8 00  |
| 12 pounds of wool and rolls,.....      | 6 00  |
| 21 yards of flannel,.....              | 10 00 |
| 9 yards of frocking,.....              | 5 50  |
| 4 stoves and funnels,.....             | 45 00 |
| 2 cheese presses and hoops,.....       | 4 00  |
| 1 time-piece,.....                     | 3 00  |
| 2 pair of steel-yards,.....            | 1 50  |
| 40 plates and platters,.....           | 2 00  |
| 27 cups and saucers,.....              | 1 00  |
| 30 spoons,.....                        | 1 25  |
| 40 tin milk pans,.....                 | 6 00  |
| 1 churn, .....                         | 4 00  |
| 10 pails, .....                        | 2 00  |
| 2 brass kettles,.....                  | 4 00  |
| 1 iron kettle,.....                    | 2 00  |
| 1 iron pot, .....                      | 1 00  |
| 3 pairs of shovels and tongs .....     | 2 00  |
| 10 tables, .....                       | 10 00 |
| Lot of tin ware,.....                  | 5 00  |
| 4 chests and drawers,.....             | 4 00  |
| 2 wheels, .....                        | 2 00  |
| 30 knives and forks,.....              | 2 00  |
| 2 looking glasses,.....                | 1 00  |
| 1 pair of andirons,.....               | 1 00  |
| 5 sad iron,.....                       | 1 00  |
| 1 loom, .....                          | 1 00  |
| 10 meal bags, .....                    | 2 00  |
| 1 kneading-trough and seive,.....      | 1 00  |
| 44 chairs, .....                       | 5 00  |
| 2 light-stands, .....                  | 75    |
| 12 towels, .....                       | 2 00  |
| 1 alleviator for the helpless,.....    | 10 00 |

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# REPORT OF MOSES GILL,

SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY FARM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1855.

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## Received at City Farm.

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| For 12 bushels of potatoes,.....          | 7 50   |
| “ 30 bushels of potatoes,.....            | 19 50  |
| “ 19 pounds of cheese,.....               | 2 37   |
| “ 1 calf,.....                            | 4 00   |
| “ 3 dozen eggs,.....                      | 45     |
| “ 25 bushels of oats,.....                | 13 75  |
| “ 12 bushels of potatoes,.....            | 7 95   |
| “ 765 pounds of old iron,.....            | 8 90   |
| “ 14 3-4 pounds of cheese,.....           | 1 90   |
| “ 4 calves,.....                          | 16 25  |
| “ 15 pounds of cheese,.....               | 1 87   |
| Of the City Treasurer,.....               | 150 00 |
| Of Town of Sanbornton, for pauper,.....   | 1 00   |
| For 4 hens,.....                          | 1 00   |
| Of Daniel Abbott, for keeping horse,..... | 2 40   |
| Of Town of Bow, for Messer children,..... | 10 00  |
| For 260 pounds of hide,.....              | 14 30  |
| “ 190 pounds of poultry,.....             | 21 62  |
| “ pasturing 2 cows,.....                  | 14 00  |
| “ 13 pelts,.....                          | 8 45   |
| “ 2 pelts,.....                           | 1 30   |
| “ milk,.....                              | 19 60  |
| “ 1 gallon soap,.....                     | 12     |
| “ feeting,.....                           | 10 48  |
| “ 12 pounds of wool,.....                 | 4 00   |
| “ 5 bushels of potatoes,.....             | 3 25   |
| “ eggs,.....                              | 8 58   |
| “ 17 pairs of feeting,.....               | 7 65   |
| “ 1 peck of kidney potatoes,.....         | 17     |



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|--------------------------------|----------|
| For labor, oxen and hand,..... | 1 34     |
| “ eggs,.....                   | 4 00     |
| “ 2 pounds of candles,.....    | 28       |
| “ 5 pounds of cheese,.....     | 50       |
| “ 1 pair of oxen,.....         | 140 00   |
| “ 3 cords of wood,.....        | 14 50    |
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|                                | \$522 61 |

### Expenditures at the City Farm.

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| For 7 hats,.....                     | 1 13  |
| “ olive oil,.....                    | 10    |
| “ 1 stone butter-pot,.....           | 1 25  |
| “ 12 bushels of rye,.....            | 15 09 |
| “ 1 bushel of apples, ....           | 40    |
| “ 1 coffee-mill,.....                | 16    |
| “ 1 grindstone, .....                | 1 50  |
| “ 2 shovels,.....                    | 2 00  |
| “ 1 stove and funnel,.....           | 17 53 |
| “ 2 trace-chains, .....              | 62    |
| “ 1 cow and calf,.....               | 40 00 |
| “ 1 cow,.....                        | 25 00 |
| “ grass seed,.....                   | 3 79  |
| “ 1 clothes line,.....               | 25    |
| “ 5 pigs,.....                       | 7 50  |
| “ blacksmith bill,.....              | 11 00 |
| “ 7 pounds of pitch, .....           | 28    |
| “ 1 rennet skin,.....                | 25    |
| “ 2 barrels of cider, .....          | 3 00  |
| “ 9 1-4 pounds of sole leather, .... | 2 22  |
| “ 34 yards of cassimere, .....       | 23 05 |
| “ Catharine Clark, ....              | 1 75  |
| “ Isabella Lynch,.....               | 1 00  |
| “ 12 pairs of shoes, .....           | 11 67 |
| “ 2 pairs of boots,.....             | 4 00  |
| “ 140 pounds of guano,.....          | 4 72  |
| “ 3 bed cords,.....                  | 88    |
| “ 3 hoes,.....                       | 1 74  |
| “ pasturing cattle, .....            | 16 78 |
| “ hot drops,.....                    | 25    |
| “ 1 rope halter,.....                | 16    |
| “ 1 cask of lime,.....               | 1 25  |
| “ 1 pound of copperas,.....          | 06    |

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|-------------------------------------------|-------|
| For 2 quarts of lamp oil,.....            | 50    |
| “ 1 auger,.....                           | 08    |
| “ 1 pound of log-wood,.....               | 05    |
| “ lead pipe, and soldering the same,..... | 1 29  |
| “ 1 bush hook,.....                       | 1 20  |
| “ unguentum,.....                         | 17    |
| “ 1 ball of twine,.....                   | 07    |
| “ 2 pounds of alum,.....                  | 10    |
| “ 2 pounds of salaratus,.....             | 14    |
| “ twist, silk, and buttons,..             | 36    |
| “ 6 pounds of raisins,.....               | 93    |
| “ writing paper,.....                     | 40    |
| “ ink,.....                               | 20    |
| “ 4 1-4 pounds tea,.....                  | 2 87  |
| “ 24 pounds of tobacco,.....              | 4 33  |
| “ 26 yards of cotton cloth,.....          | 1 87  |
| “ peppermint,.....                        | 30    |
| “ 1 pound of pepper,.....                 | 20    |
| “ pound of ginger,.....                   | 10    |
| “ filing saw,.....                        | 1 50  |
| “ carding wool,.....                      | 2 60  |
| “ 8 pounds of coffee,.....                | 96    |
| “ 17 pounds of fish,.....                 | 62    |
| “ cotton thread,.....                     | 12    |
| “ 1 barrel of flour,.....                 | 11 00 |
| “ peppermint,.....                        | 25    |
| “ 1 pound of wicking,.....                | 25    |
| “ 3 pounds of spikes,.....                | 16    |
| “ 1 kitt of mackerel,.....                | 1 50  |
| “ butchering,.....                        | 17    |
| “ 3 yards of drilling,.....               | 45    |
| “ 1 ounce of thread,.....                 | 08    |
| “ 2 pounds of salaratus,.....             | 12    |
| “ 1-2 pound of allspice,.....             | 10    |
| “ 1-2 pound cassia,.....                  | 15    |
| “ 2 ounces of nutmegs,..                  | 20    |
| “ 54 pounds of cod fish,.....             | 2 27  |
| “ 2 1-2 yards of cotton flannel,.....     | 30    |
| “ spending money for boys,.....           | 57    |
| “ cotton thread,.....                     | 03    |
| “ 100 pounds of cod fish,.....            | 4 00  |
| “ 1-2 pound of allspice,.....             | 09    |
| “ 1 ounce of nutmegs,.....                | 10    |

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| For 37 pounds of sugar,.....       | 2 61  |
| “ 1 bushel of salt,.....           | 63    |
| “ 25 pounds of tobacco,.....       | 4 94  |
| “ 5 3-4 pounds of white fish,..... | 41    |
| “ 1 pair shoes, ...                | 1 37  |
| “ 1 pound of linen thread,.....    | 98    |
| “ 23 1-2 yards of denims,.....     | 2 00  |
| “ 46 pounds of tea,.....           | 12 40 |
| “ 30 gallons of molasses,.....     | 8 40  |
| “ 2 cast steel hoes,.....          | 1 12  |
| “ 1 barrel of mackerel,.....       | 11 50 |
| “ 21 yards of denims,.....         | 2 94  |
| “ 1 barrel of flour,.....          | 11 50 |
| “ 1 scythe and snaith,.....        | 1 75  |
| “ 4 rakes,.....                    | 1 00  |
| “ 1 scythe,.....                   | 83    |
| “ 17 pounds of cod fish, .....     | 76    |
| “ 1 barrel flour,.....             | 10 12 |
| “ 1 bushel of salt,.....           | 66    |
| “ 55 pounds of fish,.....          | 2 00  |
| “ 1 quintal of fish, .....         | 4 25  |
| “ 1-2 barrel of mackerel, .....    | 5 75  |
| “ 1 barrel of flour, .....         | 9 75  |
| “ 1 pound of tea,.....             | 42    |
| “ 10 pounds of sugar,.....         | 78    |
| “ 1 pound of tobacco,.....         | 20    |
| “ 4 pounds of coffee,.....         | 50    |
| “ 1 bag salt,.....                 | 25    |
| “ 2 bushels of salt,.....          | 1 44  |
| “ 1 butcher knife,.....            | 25    |
| “ 4 bushels of salt,.....          | 2 88  |
| “ 3 bushels of salt,.....          | 2 16  |
| “ 4 bags of salt,.....             | 1 03  |
| “ cotton cloth,.....               | 11 74 |
| “ brown ware,.....                 | 87    |
| “ 1 linen coat,.....               | 1 00  |
| “ 1 pound of starch,.....          | 14    |
| “ combs, .....                     | 50    |
| “ crackers,.....                   | 2 00  |
| “ 1-2 pound of cassia,.....        | 16    |
| “ 2 pounds of allspice,.....       | 30    |
| “ 2 sticks of twist,.....          | 10    |
| “ 9 5-8 yards of ticking,.....     | 1 20  |

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| For 5 1-4 yards of crash,.....                 | 52             |
| “ 6 yards of crash,.....                       | 66             |
| “ 3 pounds of pepper,.....                     | 45             |
| “ 77 yards of print,.....                      | 8 99           |
| “ 1 bed cord, . . . . .                        | 34             |
| “ 1 yard of white cambric,.....                | 17             |
| “ 1-2 gross of matches,.....                   | 30             |
| “ tailoress work,.....                         | 2 00           |
| “ bar and shaving soap,.....                   | 45             |
| “ gingham,.....                                | 79             |
| “ 5 yards denims,.....                         | 73             |
| “ shoes.....                                   | 2 35           |
| “ tape, . . . . .                              | 34             |
| “ thread, .. . . .                             | 83             |
| “ pins, . . . . .                              | 24             |
| “ hooks and eyes,.....                         | 20             |
| “ 7 skeins of black silk, . . . . .            | 21             |
| “ 2 pounds of alum,....                        | 11             |
| “ 21 pounds of coffee,.....                    | 2 73           |
| “ 2 pounds of tea,.....                        | 76             |
| “ 1 pound of tobacco,....                      | 20             |
| “ 21 1-2 pounds of sugar,.....                 | 1 83           |
| “ 4 ounces of nutmegs,. . . . .                | 40             |
| “ 4 ounces of camphor gum,.....                | 24             |
| “ 6 pounds saleratus,.....                     | 38             |
| “ peppermint, . . . . .                        | 34             |
| “ 1 pound of raisins,.....                     | 15             |
| “ 2 1-2 pounds of ginger,.....                 | 31             |
| “ 7 ounces of indigo,.....                     | 70             |
| “ 2 balls of twine,.....                       | 16             |
| “ 3 gallons of new rum,.....                   | 1 55           |
| “ 1 whip lash,.....                            | 20             |
| “ 1 bolt for sleigh, . . . . .                 | 08             |
| “ 1 hat,.....                                  | 75             |
| “ labor, . . . . .                             | 2 84           |
| - “ 1 case knives and forks and 1 file,.....   | 85             |
| “ 1 set of cups and saucers and 1 doz. plates, | 75             |
| “ 1 barrel of flour,.....                      | 9 75           |
| “ 4 gallons of molasses,.....                  | 1 28           |
| Whole amount, . . . . .                        | <hr/> \$415 45 |
| In Superintendent's hands,.....                | <hr/> \$107 16 |

**Inmates of the City Farm for the year ending  
February 1st, 1855.**

|                     | No. Weeks. |                           | No. Weeks. |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Joshua Chandler,    | 52         | Joseph Pope,              | 3          |
| Charles Chandler,   | 52         | Elmira Gilman,            | 1          |
| Alpheus Chickering, | 52         | Catherine Clark,          | 2          |
| Peter Robinson,     | 52         | George F. Bennet,         | 9          |
| Joseph Brown,       | 43         | Edward Wren,              | 5          |
| William Currier,    | 31         | Isabella Lynch, children, |            |
| Timothy Green,      | 25         | 2 weeks each,             | 6          |
| Jonathan Knowles,   | 16         | Samuel Hoit,              | 1          |
| William Barnes,     | 48         | Catherine Ryan,           | 13         |
| Joel Puffer,        | 34         | 3 Messer children,        | 15         |
| Farnum Austin,      | 52         | John Bresnahan,           | 13         |
| Frank Davis,        | 52         | Serena Dow,               | 4          |
| Judeth Chandler,    | 52         | Sarah Dimon,              | 6          |
| Lydia Wheeler,      | 52         | Lois Ferrin,              | 14         |
| Eliza Sargent,      | 52         | Sarah Green,              | 4          |
| Sarah S. Sargent,   | 52         | Sarah H. Whittier,        | 1          |
| Rachel Hoit,        | 52         | Kate Berry,               | 6          |
| Asenath Davis,      | 52         | Michael Berry,            | 6          |
| Rebecca Currier,    | 7          | Mary Schenal,             | 6          |
| Sarah A. Sanborn,   | 37         | Mary Schenal,             | 6          |
| Emily Sanborn,      | 37         | Dan Schenal,              | 6          |
| Albert Sanborn,     | 37         |                           |            |

**COST AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF BRIDGES.**

|                                | When built. | Original cost. | Present value. |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Free Bridge,.....              | 1849-50     | 16,753         | 12,000         |
| Federal Bridge,.....           | 1850-51     | 15,950         | 12,000         |
| Two bridges at Fisherville,.   | 1849-50     | 5,150          | 4,000          |
| Horse-Hill Bridge,.....        | 1852        | 2,676          | 2,000          |
| Sewall's Falls Br., town paid, | 1852        | 1,735          |                |
| Sewall's Falls Br. city paid,  | 1853        | 6,335.         | 8,000          |
|                                |             | <hr/>          | <hr/>          |
|                                |             | \$48,599       | \$38,000       |

## REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.



*To His Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen, of the City of Concord :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the provisions of the Act incorporating said City, I herewith submit the following as the doings of the Police Court since the last “Annual Report” :

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of entries upon the Civil Docket, . . . . . | 47  |
| “ “ “ “ “ Criminal Docket, . . . . .               | 109 |

The following are the Crimes for which Arrests have been made, viz :

|                                                 |    |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|
| Larceny, . . . . .                              | 5  |
| Concealing stolen property, . . . . .           | 1  |
| Assault and Battery, . . . . .                  | 12 |
| Common Drunkard, . . . . .                      | 10 |
| Violation of Liquor Law, . . . . .              | 36 |
| Violation of City Ordinance, . . . . .          | 26 |
| Being found drunk, . . . . .                    | 5  |
| Assault with intent to kill, . . . . .          | 2  |
| Making disturbance in the Streets, . . . . .    | 2  |
| Unlawful employing Minors in Manufactories, . . | 3  |
| Keeping disorderly house, . . . . .             | 1  |
| Malicious destruction of property, . . . . .    | 1  |
| Refusing to show Pedlar's license, . . . . .    | 1  |
| Truancy, . . . . .                              | 1  |
| Obstructions on Railroads, . . . . .            | 1  |
| Robbing Gardens, . . . . .                      | 1  |
| Contempt of Court, . . . . .                    | 1  |

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|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Of the foregoing—                                        |          |
| Sentenced to pay fines,.....                             | 35       |
| “ “ House of Correction,.....                            | 8        |
| “ “ County Jail,.....                                    | 2        |
| “ “ House of Reformation,.....                           | 1        |
| Recognized for trial at C. C. Pleas,.....                | 36       |
| Transferred by Appeal,.....                              | 11       |
| Discharged,.....                                         | 25       |
| Whole amount of fees charged on Criminal<br>Docket,..... | \$228 38 |
| Whole amount of fees charged on Civil Docket,            | 29 38    |
| Fines ordered,.....                                      | 157 00   |
|                                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                                          | \$414 76 |

JOSIAH STEVENS, *Police Justice.*

Concord, January 31, 1855.

|                                                                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Josiah Stevens, as Police Justice,                                                         |          |
| To the City of Concord,                                                                    | DR.      |
| To Cash received for fees, fines and Blanks, as<br>per specification on Book Account,..... | \$214 50 |
|                                                                                            | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                            | CR.      |
| By Cash paid John D. Norton for Blanks, &c.,<br>as per Bill,.....                          | \$ 33 00 |
| By Blanks and Stationery,.....                                                             | 1 34     |
| “ Six days as Special Justice last year,..                                                 | 12 00    |
| “ Cash paid City Treasurer as per receipt,....                                             | 168 16   |
|                                                                                            | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                            | \$214 50 |

From the records it appears that there are a number of Bills of cost remaining in the hands of True George, late Jailor for the County of Merrimack, unaccounted for and due the City.

JOSIAH STEVENS, *Police Justice.*

Concord, January 31, 1855.

## CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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*To his Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Concord :*

THE undersigned, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, asks leave to report, that the present fire department of the City consists of six regular and two volunteer Engine Companies, together with a Hook and Ladder Company, numbered and located as follows :

- No. 1, volunteer at North End Main-st.,
- No. 2, at North End State-st.,
- No. 3, at South End Main-st.,
- No. 4, on Warren-st.,
- No. 5, Volunteer, near Freight Depot,
- No. 6, at West Village,
- No. 7, at East Village,
- No. 8, at Fisherville,
- No. 1, Hook and Ladder Company, on Warren-st.

The Engines, Hose, Hose Carriages, Hook and Ladder Carriage, including other apparatus and buildings, are all in good repair, and has been so kept by those to whose care the property have been entrusted. A small amount of new hose, however, is wanted in place of that which time and service has rendered unreliable.

Since the first of August last, owing in part to the unusual dryness of a portion of the season, the services of the Fire Department have been required more frequently than usual, and it gives me pleasure to state that every member has promptly responded to the various calls, and has performed his duty in a way and manner, and with a faithfulness which gives an assurance of the future stability and usefulness of the department.



The department has been called out, since the first of August, as follows :

- August 9—Fire at R. Bradley's.
- August 17—Fire on the Plains.
- August 17 & 18—Fire at H. Fessenden's.
- August 22—Fire at Soucook Mills.
- August 31—Fire at Suncook Village.
- October 17—Fire at Brown & Morgan's.
- November 2—Fire at Unitarian Meeting House.
- December 16—Fire at Dea. Willey place.
- December 23—Fire at Porter Blanchard's.
- January 3—False alarm.
- Company No. 7, on Plains.
- Company No. 8, an alarm at Fisherville.

**The Public Reservoirs are as follows :**

One at South End Main street, opposite Abbot's Carriage Manufactory.

One opposite the Thompsonian building, Main street.

One near South Church, at intersection of Main and Pleasant streets.

Four in front of State House.

One at intersection of Centre and Main Streets.

One opposite Merrimack County Bank, Main street.

One in front of house of John H. George, Main street.

One on State street, near Sewell Hoit's house, at head of Winter street.

One on State street, near the dwelling house of Mr. Rolfe.

One on South street, near N. B. Baker's house, opposite head of Wall street.

One on Prince street, near Carpenter's Shop.

One on School street, near Unitarian Church, located easterly from School House and opposite James R. Hill's premises.

One on State street, near A. B. Currier's house.

One on corner of West and State streets, near School house in District No. 9.

One on Pleasant street, near R. H. Shurburne's house, nearly opposite George H. H. Silsby's house.

One on Main street, near F. N. Fisk's house.

One on State street, near James Tallant's house.

Besides these are several others, not strictly public reservoirs, as follows:—Three near Warren street, between Main and Green streets; one in rear of Call's Block; one at the intersection of State and Washington streets; one at the intersection of Main and Franklin streets, and various others of small capacities.

At Fisherville, about 1000 feet from the canal, are three reservoirs.

## Officers and Members of Engine Company No. 2.

H. H. HOLT, *Foreman*.  
 L. ROBY, Jr., *Second Foreman*.  
 L. A. WALKER, *Third Foreman*.  
 HORACE EATON, *Clerk*.  
 R. F. FOSTER, *Treasurer*.  
 L. A. WALKER, }  
 R. M. ORDWAY, } *Leading Hosemen*.  
 GEO. BRACKETT, }  
 J. D. A. WEST, }  
 J. J. WYMAN, } *Suction Hosemen*.  
 H. H. HOLT, *Steward*.

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| William T. Lock,   | George H. Marston, |
| George Dame,       | C. H. Burr,        |
| Joseph Brown,      | J. B. Walker,      |
| M. D. Drew,        | Wm. Roby,          |
| A. L. Barnard,     | Charles Barker,    |
| F. La Bonta,       | Calvin Smart,      |
| Samuel Wallace,    | Thomas B. Sargent, |
| James Morrill,     | H. P. Sweetser,    |
| E. S. Towle,       | L. D. Shurburn,    |
| C. H. Herbert,     | John H. George,    |
| W. Odlin,          | S. Seavey,         |
| Sewall Hoit,       | G. H. Seavey,      |
| C. C. Hartford,    | William Ballard,   |
| S. M. Griffin,     | M. A. Holt,        |
| C. R. Cass,        | W. S. Davis,       |
| Wm. Wallace,       | Isaac Elwell,      |
| A. A. Moore,       | D. Kennedy,        |
| Samuel B. Marston, | John Richardson,   |
| Geo. W. Emerton,   | M. H. Bradley,     |
| John S. Blodgett,  | A. H. Moores.      |
| E. A. Moulton,     |                    |

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Charles Butters,

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Moses Bodwell,

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Luther Lucas,

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Jeremiah Smith,

Berry Curtis,

Josiah Bachelder,

Andrew J. Tilton,

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William Stevenson,

J. J. Pillsbury,

Charles D. Cate,

Joseph Meyers,

E. Sanborn,

Joseph Lamper,

Asa Parker,

Amos Lock,

Freeman Sanborn,

Charles Bradley,

William Spaulding,

Oliver Turner,

O. F. Harris,

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B. F. Kimball,

William H. Beard,

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L. C. Lull,

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Frank V. Osgood,  
Calvin Goodspeed,  
Patrick Morrison,  
Perkins Gale,  
William H. Page,  
J. F. Hoit,  
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William T. Clough,  
John Quinn,  
James H. Emerson,  
William H. Brown,  
Robert L. Hall,  
Charles H. Clough,  
A. W. Clough,  
Albert H. Baker,  
Stephen W. Kellom,

Moses H. Farnum,  
Hiram Farnum,  
George W. Brown,  
Asa P. Tenney, Jr.  
Freeman Ferrin,  
E. C. Ferrin,  
Moses Humphrey,  
Daniel Marden,  
Jackson Crosby,  
Chandler Eastman,  
Elisha Thomas,  
George G. Jones,  
Charles Upton,

Cyrus F. Fletcher,  
 Henry M. Goodrich,  
 Lyman Sawyer,  
 Rufus Abbott,  
 Milo Bedell,  
 Amos S. Abbott,  
 Michael Huben,  
 John Thornton,  
 Virgil M. Hall,

Otis A. Williams,  
 Augustus Williams,  
 Thomas Igo,  
 Samuel Ames,  
 Lucius Tenney,  
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 Heman Sanborn,  
 William Page,  
 A. B. Seavy,  
 Charles H. Sanborn,  
 Winthrop St. Clair,  
 Smith Bean,  
 Jeremiah Sullivan,  
 Levi Bean,  
 James Frye,  
 Gardner Tenney,  
 Jonathan Kimball,  
 James Sanborn,

Mellen C. Eastman,  
 Washington Hill,  
 Theodore S. Clark,  
 Mark Floyd,  
 Jonathan Stimpson,  
 Abraham B. Sanborn,  
 Jonathan E. Pecker,  
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 William L. Bachelder,  
 Cyrus R. Robinson,  
 William Smith,  
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 John A. Coburn,  
 Samuel R. Flanders,  
 Charles W. Hadley,

Isaac G. Howe,  
 Benjamin Morrill,  
 Jared Sparks,  
 Samuel Hoit,

William H. Allen,  
 Nathaniel Rolfe,  
 Hazen Knowlton,  
 John G. Warren,  
 Samuel C. Pickard,  
 Abiel Rolfe,  
 Charles L. Bachelder,  
 Timothy C. Rolfe,  
 Sylvester G. Long,  
 Charles Abbott,  
 Nathan Emerson,  
 Jedediah S. Shepard,  
 George B. Elliot,  
 Daniel J. Pickard,  
 Freeman Elliot,  
 Jonathan C. Shepard,  
 Jeremiah S. Durgin,  
 Josiah W. Jameson,

Daniel Cutting,  
 Sherman S. Briggs,  
 Albert L. Smith,  
 Amos S. Alexander,  
 Edmund Worth, 3d,  
 Daniel W. Martin,  
 Henry F. Brown,  
 Benjamin F. Caldwell,  
 Edward McArdle,  
 John W. Eaton,  
 F. A. Abbott,  
 E. H. Abbott,  
 Joseph Morrill,  
 Isaac F. Vesper,  
 James V. Smith,  
 George F. Elkins,  
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 Charles K. West,  
 Robert Cromett,  
 John C. Pillsbury,  
 J. L. Cilley,  
 E. C. Eastman,  
 Walter Abbott,

H. A. Fay,  
 John C. Hall,  
 Dexter W. Smith,  
 Lucius Baker,  
 Leander King,  
 B. F. Wolcott,  
 James F. Lund.

Before I close this report, a sense of justice compels me to acknowledge the important and valuable aid, advice, and assistance, rendered the department on some trying occasions, by his Honor, the Mayor, with the Municipal Officers generally, together with a portion of the citizens. They have contributed largely to the usefulness and success of the department, and their acts have carried with them convincing evidence that they have no separate interests from that of the Fire Department, but have cordially and freely rendered their valuable services, in unison with the department, for the mutual protection of the property belonging to the inhabitants of this city.

**LUTHER ROBY, *Chief Engineer.***

LIST OF TAXES, WHICH FOR VARIOUS CAUSES ARE  
**RECOMMENDED FOR ABATEMENT,**  
 ON THE TAX BOOK COMMITTED TO J. L. CILLEY FOR 1854-5.



WARD I.

|                                        | Tax. | S. II. | Tax. |
|----------------------------------------|------|--------|------|
| Aiken, Samuel, Jr.,.....               | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Allen, Ebenezer,.....                  | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Blackmer, John,.....                   | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Copp, Charles,.....                    | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Edgerly, Lewis E.,.....                | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Elkins, John,.....                     | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Ellsworth, William G., dead,.....      | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Gahagan, Samuel, not to be found,..... | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Gamey, Luke,.....                      | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Hoit, Amos E.,.....                    | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Knowlton, Charles,.....                | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| McNeil, William,.....                  | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Ordway, Jacob, gone,.....              | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Robbins, Collins C., not of age,.....  | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Smith, Joseph, gone,.....              | 1    | 40     | 53   |
| Wallace, Charles B.,.....              | 1    | 40     | 53   |

WARD II.

|                                               |   |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|----|
| Clough, John, Jr.,.....                       | 1 | 52 |
| Donavan, John & Mary, not to be found,....    | 4 | 18 |
| Clark, James M., gone to Loudon, poor,....    | 1 | 40 |
| Jenness Samuel, Jr., gone to California,..... | 1 | 40 |
| Sargent, Moses, 3d, poor,.....                | 1 | 49 |

WARD III.

|                               |   |    |
|-------------------------------|---|----|
| Farnum, Joseph F.,.....       | 1 | 40 |
| Emerson, James H., gone,..... | 1 | 40 |
| Puffer, Jacob,.....           | 1 | 40 |

## WARD IV.

|                                              |      |    |
|----------------------------------------------|------|----|
| Cate, H. J. M., gone,.....                   | 1 40 | 24 |
| Cate, Jonathan, gone,.....                   | 1 40 | 24 |
| Cheney, W. C.,.....                          | 1 40 |    |
| Crowley, James,.....                         | 1 40 | 24 |
| Drew, Oliver,.....                           | 1 40 |    |
| Emerson, John N., not to be found,.....      | 1 40 | 24 |
| Fisk, Henry,.....                            | 1 40 |    |
| George, W. A. George,.....                   | 1 40 |    |
| Hanson, Caleb, gone,.....                    | 1 40 |    |
| Kelley, Richard P., gone,.....               | 1 40 |    |
| Kirby, James,.....                           | 1 40 | 24 |
| Lancaster, John,.....                        | 1 40 | 24 |
| Loud, H. M., not found,.....                 | 1 40 |    |
| Morrill, James H.,.....                      |      |    |
| Phelps, Henry W.,.....                       | 1 40 | 24 |
| Pillsbury, Amos,.....                        | 3 14 | 52 |
| Rowe, Daniel,.....                           | 1 40 | 24 |
| Tandy, Calvin L., request,.....              | 1 40 | 24 |
| Seavey, David, taxed in Hopkinton,.....      | 1 40 |    |
| Thompson, Noble, not found,.....             | 1 40 |    |
| Taggart, Israel, not found,.....             |      |    |
| Tallant, James, 2d, taxed in two wards,..... | 1 40 |    |
| Willis, Timothy, not found,.....             | 1 40 |    |

## WARD V.

|                                              |      |    |
|----------------------------------------------|------|----|
| Boyden, George, not of age,.....             | 1 40 | 24 |
| Burnham, David,.....                         | 1 40 | 24 |
| Brown, Walter, not of age,.....              | 1 40 | 24 |
| Cate, Peter S., gone,.....                   | 1 40 | 24 |
| Chase, David A., not in the city,.....       | 1 40 | 24 |
| Colby, Charles E., not found,.....           | 1 40 | 24 |
| Craig, Samuel, over 70 years of age,.....    | 1 40 | 24 |
| Coile, John, not found,.....                 | 1 40 | 24 |
| Colby, Isaac S.,.....                        | 1 40 | 24 |
| Dow, Lorenzo, 2d,.....                       | 1 40 | 24 |
| Dorr, Joseph, poor Frenchman,.....           | 1 40 | 24 |
| Evans, Henry, poor, and gone,.....           | 1 40 | 24 |
| Ela, George, not of age,.....                | 1 40 | 24 |
| Flanders, William S. not found,.....         | 1 40 | 24 |
| Gillingham, Daniel, over 70 years of age,... | 1 40 | 24 |
| Ganty, John, taxed in two wards,.....        | 1 40 | 24 |
| Gibson, Charles, not found,.....             | 1 40 | 24 |



|                                               |      |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|----|
| Hayes, John M., left town in April,.....      | 1 40 | 24 |
| Humphreys, T. R. W., gone,.....               | 1 40 | 24 |
| Hagar, John C., taxed in Wards 5 & 6,.....    | 1 40 | 24 |
| Holton, Henry C., not of age,.....            | 1 40 | 24 |
| Ingalls, Nathaniel P.,.....                   | 1 40 | 24 |
| Robbins, Benjamin F., no such name,.....      | 1 40 | 24 |
| Kimball, Benjamin, not of age,.....           | 1 40 | 24 |
| Lake, Wingate N., not in the city,.....       | 1 40 | 24 |
| Morrison, John, over 70 years of age,.....    | 1 40 | 24 |
| Moulton, William H., not in the city,.....    | 1 40 | 24 |
| McCarthy, Daniel, not found,.....             | 1 40 | 24 |
| Perkins, William H., no such person,.....     | 1 40 | 24 |
| Sanborn, Charles H., taxed in two wards,....  | 1 40 | 24 |
| Smith, Ezra D., taxed in two wards,.....      | 1 40 | 24 |
| Smith F. A., gone,.....                       | 1 40 | 24 |
| Sanborn, John, no such person in the city,... | 1 40 | 24 |
| Thomas, John B., not in the city,.....        | 1 40 | 24 |
| Wheeler, A. B., not in the city,.....         | 1 40 | 24 |
| Woodward, Ephraim W., taxed in two wards,     | 1 40 |    |
| Walker, William B., not in the city,.....     | 1 40 | 24 |

## WARD VI.

|                                              |      |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|------|
| Blanchard, Eben M., not found,.....          | 1 40 | 38   |
| Cole, A. B., not found,.....                 | 1 40 | 38   |
| Corliss, Mathew H., not found,.....          | 1 40 | 38   |
| Dodge, George P., no such person,.....       | 1 40 | 38   |
| Donahue, Patrick, poor Irish,.....           | 1 40 | 38   |
| Dwyer, David, gone,.....                     | 1 40 | 38   |
| Edmunds, Charles G., taxed in Chichester,..  | 1 40 | 38   |
| Daniels, David, not found,.....              | 1 40 |      |
| Jackson, Wm., property taxed to two persons, | 1 84 |      |
| Langley, Andrew J. not found,.....           | 1 40 | 38   |
| Lufkin, Benjamin B., gone,.....              | 1 40 | 38   |
| Linch, John, poor Irish,.....                | 1 40 | 38   |
| Lee, John, poor Irish,.....                  | 1 40 | 38   |
| Lee, William, poor Irish,.....               | 1 40 | 38   |
| Lufkin, Hiram B., gone,.....                 | 4 30 | 1 15 |
| McCauley, John, gone,.....                   | 1 40 | 38   |
| Morisett, Eli, poor Frenchman,.....          | 1 40 | 38   |
| Palmer, Levi, dead, and poor,.....           | 1 40 | 38   |
| Page, Isaac, left in April,.....             | 1 40 | 24   |
| Prindible, James, sick and poor,.....        | 1 52 | 41   |
| Robbins, John, not found,.....               | 1 40 | 38   |

|                                            |      |    |
|--------------------------------------------|------|----|
| Smith, John, 2d, dead,.....                | 1 40 | 38 |
| Stanley, Samuel, belonged to Epsom,.....   | 1 40 | 38 |
| Weeks, John T., not here,.....             | 1 40 | 38 |
| Wheeler, John C., taxed in two wards,..... | 1 40 | 38 |
| Hoit, Samuel P., gone,.....                | 1 40 | 38 |

## WARD VII.

|                                                                                             |      |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|
| Barter, David, not found,.....                                                              | 1 40 |    |
| Burkley, Charles, not found,.....                                                           | 1 40 | 38 |
| Badger, Jacob, over 70 years old, no property,                                              | 1 75 | 47 |
| Currier, Cyrus, taxed in two wards,.....                                                    | 1 40 |    |
| Clasey, Patrick, not of age,.....                                                           | 1 40 | 38 |
| Colby, Israel, not in the city,.....                                                        | 1 40 | 38 |
| Hardy, Wyman E., gone to the West,.....                                                     | 1 40 | 70 |
| McCurdy, John, not found,.....                                                              | 1 40 | 38 |
| Pillsbury, Nathan S., sick, poor, left the city,.                                           | 1 40 |    |
| Shute, Aaron, sick and poor,.....                                                           | 2 32 |    |
| Currier, Jedediah, sick and poor, per request,.                                             | 3 08 |    |
| Smart, Moses, not of age,.....                                                              | 1 40 | 38 |
| Woodbury, William, gone to Bow, poor,....                                                   | 1 49 |    |
| Hurd, William, run away, poor,.....                                                         | 1 60 |    |
| Charles Smith, school house tax on property<br>in District No. 13,.....                     | 1 56 |    |
| Dudley Ladd, non-resident, did not own the<br>property, and it was taxed to another person, | 2 88 |    |
| John Q. Adams, property taxed twice, non-<br>resident,.....                                 | 2 88 |    |

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The Committee on Accounts herewith report the foregoing list of abatements on the list committed to J. L. Cilley, for 1854, and recommend the abatement of the same.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, OF CONCORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1855.

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In presenting to the City of Concord their Annual Report, the Committee would say, that they have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties imposed upon them.

In the *examination of teachers*, they have aimed to be critical and thorough; this part of their duty they have regarded as of the utmost importance. In most cases they have found that those who presented themselves were qualified for the work in which they would engage. In almost every instance, teachers have come well recommended by others; but these endorsements have at no time exempted the bearer of them from a rigid trial by the Committee.

With but few exceptions, the schools have made most commendable improvement; for application, order, and progress, some of them have attained a high degree of merit; yet, with this recommendation, so deservedly due, our schools are not what they ought to be, nor what they should be. During the past year, the Committee have given due importance to the duty of *visiting* the schools. They have, either in their collective or individual capacity, frequently entered the school-room, not so much to be entertained, as to inspect deportment, examine progress, and impart advice.

The experience of the Committee, during their brief term of office, has furnished them a few suggestions, which they would offer at this stage of their report.

The practice of *singing*, which is observed in some of our schools, we wish might become general in all. Its effects, social and moral, upon the scholar are happy. It goes far to make all who engage in it "love one another." Some of our happiest moments in the school-room, during the year, have been passed in listening to the melody and harmony of these hearts and voices. We would suggest to teachers the importance of qualifying themselves in this branch of music sufficiently to teach the art of singing to their scholars while in the school-room.

The art of *writing*, the Committee are apprehensive, is becoming too much of secondary importance in our schools. They have inferred this from the careless condition in which they have frequently found the writing-books. Teachers should look to this.

In some of the schools, we have observed, not unfrequently, a mispronunciation of words among the teachers. It is often the case that the teacher is in doubt as to the exact pronunciation of some words in the exercise of spelling. This being true, the Committee would recommend that each school be provided with some *standard dictionary*.

They would further recommend, that, in all our schools where geography is taught, *outline maps* be provided. But as a distinct and correct impression of the configuration of the earth cannot be easily made upon the mind of a scholar by studying a flat surface, a *terrestrial globe* should be placed in every high and intermediate school.

Another thing which, in some districts, the Committee thought most desirable was commodious and pleasant school-houses. The unhealthy appearance and feeble constitutions of not a few children in our districts are attributable to the small and wretchedly ventilated rooms of some of our school-houses — they are entailing disease upon generations of children. The evil calls for a sanitary committee of inspection. Horace Mann has well said—"People who shudder at a flesh wound and a trickle of blood, will confine their children like convicts, and compel them, month after month, to breathe quantities of poison. It would less impair the mental and physical constitutions of children, gradually to draw an ounce of blood from their veins, during the same length of time, than to send them to breathe, for six hours in a day, the lifeless and poisonous air of some of our school-rooms. Let any man who votes for confining children in small rooms, and keeping them on

stagnant air, try the experiment of breathing his own breath only four times over, and if medical aid be not on hand, the children will never be endangered by his vote afterward."

The Committee would urge upon parents the importance of *co-operating with teachers* in maintaining proper discipline in the schools, and in securing constant and punctual attendance. In the accusations which scholars are apt to bring against their teachers, parents should be careful how they take up controversy against the teacher. It is sometimes the case that the teacher may be cruelly severe in his discipline, but in most cases, where stringent measures are resorted to, the bad conduct of the disciplined warrants the application.

Another suggestion which the Committee would offer is that committees, both superintending and prudential, ascertain, to the full extent, the scope of their duties, at the time they enter upon them. Let the sphere of action be known to each, and each keep within its proper circle of service.

One more thought which they will present, and which they can with all modesty, as this is, in all probability, their last administration—the importance of making to the Superintending Committee a more generous remuneration for their services, in many instances arduous and perplexing.

In closing this report, the Committee would recommend to the City of Concord that some steps be taken toward engaging a suitable person for the office of general Superintendent, who shall have the oversight of all the schools, and for whose service a proper compensation shall be given. A more important movement, as connected with the cause of education among us, we think cannot be made. The present system of school supervision is defective. Our committees, chosen as they are, cannot do what is required of them; and of our committees, chosen as they sometimes are, it cannot justly be *expected* that they will do what is required of them. With all due respect for the qualifications of men generally selected for the important duty of examining teachers and their schools in all the varied branches of education, we speak our honest convictions when we say that it is not always the case that all those selected are qualified for the position, and those who are qualified are so closely confined to their callings as not to be able to give proper time to this. Few men are prepared to go from their several daily professions to the examination of a class of teachers, and into our

school-rooms, and there do their whole duty. But all this incapacity and inconvenience would be met and avoided in one well qualified man, who shall devote his whole time to our schools, and for which he shall receive an inspiring compensation. This saving of dollars and cents in the supervision of our schools is an economy which tends to the worst kind of poverty — it pauperises the mind and soul.

Lét, then, this arragement for a general Superintendent be made as soon as practicable, and then, in this our city of Concord we shall have taken a most important step toward occupying a position in education as elevated as that of our sister cities around us, and such a position as it becomes the capital of New-Hampshire to occupy.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| C. W. FLANDERS, | J. STEVENS,    |
| H. A. KENDALL,  | M. T. WILLARD, |
| E. WORTH,       | S. ABBOTT,     |
|                 | E. SMITH.      |



The report of the several following schools were prepared by the sub-committee whose name they bear, which may account for sameness of plan and repetition of phraseology.

### WARD I.

DISTRICT No. 1. This District is making progress in the right direction; a considerable sum has been expended in enlarging and improving their house, which is now pleasant and convenient.

The summer term was taught by Mrs. Elizabeth D. Hoit, who was successful in awakening a new interest among the scholars and also in securing a good attendance of parents and others at the closing examination, who were much gratified with the exercises. Some of the writing books exhibited unusual care and neatness.

Mr. George T. Sanborn taught the Winter term, who says "the school has done remarkably well this winter." This statement is fully confirmed in the opinion of the Committee. The proficiency and general appearance of the scholars were commendable.

DISTRICT No. 2. This District has erected a neat, well-arranged and substantial school-house of brick. The desks and chairs are

of modern style, the house is high posted and well ventilated, and is not surpassed in neatness and convenience by any school-room in the city; and it is worthy of note, that the scholars have kept their desks remarkably neat and free from cuts and scratches.

The Summer term was taught by Miss S. Lizzie Ellsworth, who succeeded very well.

Mr. Charles J. Parker taught the winter term. The school appeared well, and the closing examination showed that the scholars had studied and made good progress. The Committee regret to state that several scholars absented themselves from the final examinations, which is by no means commendable.

EDMUND WORTH, JR., *Supt. School Committee, Ward 1.*

## WARD II.

DISTRICT No. 12. The summer school, of twelve and one-half weeks, was kept by Mrs. E. D. Norris, under whose faithful labor and kind yet efficient discipline, the pupils made good progress in study and correct deportment.

The winter school, of nine weeks, came to an abrupt termination without an examination at the close. For some reason, the school was not what it should be. The teacher, Mr. W. Irving Pond, failed to secure the confidence and co-operation of his scholars generally; disorder was the result, and difficulties arose which defeated the object of the school. If it shall in future correspond to the good character it has at times sustained, it must be by the united effort of all who are responsible for its prosperity.

DISTRICT No. 13. The summer school, taught by Miss M. G. Burleigh, contained thirty-seven scholars under fourteen years of age. It could not be expected that so many small children would make a still school in a poor school-house. The tact, strength and patience of the instructress were tested. The school made considerable improvement.

The winter term was kept by Mr. Charles Smith, under circumstances which entirely precluded all hope of success. The school-house had been made better by alterations and repairs, but disunion and discord in the district prevented an united effort to make the school profitable. It is hoped that a different spirit will prevail among the inhabitants of the district, and among the large scholars in time to come.

DISTRICT No. 14. Both the summer and winter terms were kept by Miss Clara F. Potter. The summer school, in the *old* house, was pleasant and profitable; the winter school, in the *new* house, was what it ought to be. Nothing but order, and kindness, and right progress, was found there. The former high character of the school was fully sustained. The course of things in this district proves that a good school costs less time and money than a poor one.

DISTRICT No. 15. The summer term closed without examination. Notice of the close was not given. The instructress, Miss R. M. Allen reports good order, and a ready compliance with the rules of the school, and good progress in study.

The winter term, taught by Miss M. E. L. Potter, was preceded by a select school in the autumn. A great change has been effected in this school since the school-house was made convenient and comfortable. This was the first impulse to good progress. The co-operation of parents with good teachers has brought the school at length to rank among the best in the city. The examination of Miss Potter's school at the close was very satisfactory to all concerned. Thorough instruction resulted in good attainments. It was pleasing to witness the reciprocal kindness of the instructress and her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 19. Summer school. This school has the advantage of an ample, well-ventilated, and convenient school-house, and can be made comfortable either in a very hot or cold day. Miss Mary E. Emery taught the school, in which there was good progress in study on the part of the scholars generally. There was not throughout all that kindly feeling which makes a school pleasant both to the teacher and the pupils. Prejudice and a want of mutual accommodation were manifest in the progress of the school; consequently, some of the more important objects of the common school were not secured.

The winter school, of fifty-three scholars, was kept by Mr. Wm. H. Smart. The register shows a good attendance, and punctuality. The "task of the teacher was made pleasant and comparatively easy," by the co-operation of parents and others in the district. The school progressed and closed with quietness, and a general feeling of satisfaction. The closing examination witnessed the diligence of the instructor and his pupils. Mr. S. says in his report —



"I am happy to remark, that I have found in this district the greatest degree of interest manifested by the parents of the youth and children committed to my care."

This interest is needed in an effort to suppress the use of profane and vulgar language by those who attend school. Parents and guardians can abate this evil.

DISTRICT No 21. Miss L. M. Mason taught both the summer and winter schools. The summer school so far satisfied all concerned that the same teacher was employed to keep the winter school. She was well qualified to instruct, and faithful in her work. But the winter school was of little use because of the interference of some parents, and the neglect of some scholars to comply with the regulations of the school. Better counsels are needed among the citizens of this district in order to have a good school. The school closed abruptly without examination; no notice was given of its close.

DISTRICT No. 22. This school was taught in the summer by Miss Martha J. Richardson. The school appeared well at the closing examination. The register shows a good attendance and good deportment. Good order was secured by mild means. This school district has a poor school-house, a scattered population, and a small amount of school-money. For these reasons, the inhabitants should take more interest in their school. No winter school has been kept, the past winter, in this district.

HENRY A. KENDALL, *Supt. School Committee, Ward 2.*

### WARD III.

DISTRICT No. 4. Summer term, Miss Alma J. Teacher, teacher. In this school, good improvement was made. Although the teacher entered the school without experience, good order and a commendable interest were evidently maintained through the term, by her diligence and perseverance. The attendance and moral deportment of the scholars are favorably reported in the teacher's remarks.

The winter school, taught by Mr. Cyrus Runnels, was neither profitable nor useful. Prejudice, at the commencement of the term, against the teacher, rather than his qualifications, proved disastrous to the school. Had the teacher been unanimously sustained by the parents, and assisted in the government of the school by the larger

scholars, as he had a right to expect, the result would have been more creditable to the district. This school has generally sustained a good reputation, and it is hoped that those interested will unite in their efforts to restore and maintain its former character, and thus secure to their children the advantages of a good school.

DISTRICT No. 5. In this small school, the teacher, Miss Eliza Rand, manifested much zeal and perseverance in this new field of her experience, creditable to the profession, and worthy to be imitated. The order was very good, and the improvement in the several branches taught, worthy of note.

Sarah P. Carter was the teacher in the winter term. Nothing seemed to be wrong or out of place in this school. Miss Carter has the faculty of securing obedience and a cheerful compliance with her wishes by persuasive measures, and justly merits the reputation of a successful teacher.

SIMEON ABBOTT, *Supt. School Committee, Ward 3.*

#### WARD IV.

DISTRICT No. 6. The summer term was taught by Miss Louisa C. Weeks, an experienced and able teacher. She gave good satisfaction, and the school made good progress.

The winter term was under the tuition of Mr. J. B. Lake, who kept a good school, until, by reason of the prevalence of the whooping-cough, a large part of the scholars were kept out; and at the end of nine weeks the school closed.

DISTRICT No. 11. The primary department was taught through the year by Miss Lucia Chandler, who has succeeded admirably in preserving order, and winning the love of the children. The school has made good proficiency, and will compare favorably with the best of this class of schools.

The middle department was taught during the summer and fall terms by Miss L. C. Tucker, who fully sustained her former reputation. The school was a good one, and gave good satisfaction to all concerned.

The winter term was taught by Miss Sophronia Billings, who has succeeded well. Miss B. is a young teacher of considerable promise, and should be encouraged to make a permanent business of school teaching.

The highest department was taught during the summer and fall by Miss Sarah W. Stanton, a teacher of established reputation. She well and faithfully discharged her duty, and with very considerable success.

The winter term was under the tuition of Mr. S. P. Jennison, well known in our city as a thorough and experienced teacher. Mr. J. very justly complains that, from the commencement of the term, there was, with a large part of the scholars, but a very irregular attendance, and toward the close of the term, the matter was made worse by a fear of the small-pox. The progress of the school was much retarded; and the parents of this district should bear in mind that, without a regular attendance and convenient school-rooms, experienced teachers cannot make good scholars.

ELEAZER SMITH, *Supt. School Committee, Ward 4.*

## WARD VI.

DISTRICT No. 6. In preparing the report of schools in this district, the Committee would commence by saying, that they shall give as correct a statement of the character of these schools as possible, nothing withholding where praise is due, nothing adding where merit is wanting.

There have been kept five schools in this district during the past year—one high, two intermediate, and two primary schools, divided into two terms, summer and winter.

The summer term of the high school was kept by Miss Josephine Pickering. During this time the *order* of the school has been excellent. Order is what we first look for when we enter a school-room. A school well disciplined is generally a school well instructed, and a school well disciplined and well instructed is generally a school which makes encouraging progress. In our visits to this teacher's department, we have inferred that, in our higher class of schools, order is not necessarily confined to male teachers, but that among female teachers may be found some of our most effective disciplinarians.

The *reading* was unusually good. It was marked by fullness of intonation, distinctness of enunciation, and animation of manner. Commendable proficiency has been made by all the classes in *grammar*; the parsing of the first class was especially gratifying. Equal praise is due to the department in *arithmetic*. Here the scholars not only recited correctly and expeditiously, but applied

rules understandingly. The recitations at the black-board evinced a clear perception of what should be done, and of the best method of doing it. In other studies, commendable progress was made. The examination at the close of the term deserves special commendation. For propriety of deportment, and readiness of recitation in all the branches of study, we have not seen the occasion surpassed; in the dramatic representation, however, some of the pieces might have been dispensed with. For the teacher, who, to our regret, has left this district, we have no words of extravagant praise. Her best recommendation is to be found in the marked improvement of the school which has, during the past months, been favored with her services.

The winter term of this school, kept by Mr. William K. Rowell, retained, in a commendable degree, the reputation of its previous session. In its order, there was room for improvement. As order is of so much importance in the school-room, teachers should study *how* to preserve it; when order is attained, the point of serious difficulty is passed, and from that point both teachers and scholars may go on unto perfection.

In marking the several recitations of this term, we would say, that the reading was good — rather defective, however, in the low intonation of voice, a defect observable in other schools, and one which every teacher should strive to remedy. The recitations in arithmetic, grammar, and geography, were uncommonly good. The recitations in all the studies have been very creditable. Mr. Rowell has been very much beloved by his scholars.

In passing to the intermediate school, kept by Miss H. E. Fry, the Committee are not overrating its merits when they say that its discipline was well-nigh perfect; whispering, so exceedingly annoying and injurious to a school, has been, for the last year, entirely banished. Its exercises in reading, spelling, geography, &c., have been of a highly creditable and interesting character. Of our intermediate schools, we regard this as one of the best. There is one feature in the conducting of this school which commends itself for, what we believe to be, its good moral effect — the custom of throwing the scholars upon their own truthfulness, in deciding the merit or demerit of some particular recitation. During the few weeks' absence of Miss Fry, the school, under the efficient teaching of Miss Susan Dunklee, made its accustomed progress.

The primary school, in this building, was under the supervision of Miss Mary N. Blaisdell, at the commencement of the year, and under that of Miss A. C. West, during the remainder of the year. Considering the age of the scholars, this school has made very good progress. For such a large collection of children, the order has been more than ordinarily good. This class of schools is of more importance than some are wont to suppose, inasmuch as it is the porch into the great building — the *preparatory* course for higher orders of instruction. Here first habits are formed — good or bad ; they ascend with the scholar into the higher departments, which they affect for good or evil, and are to the teachers a source of pleasure or pain. Hence, teachers in the primary schools should prepare their scholars to graduate for the intermediate schools with the highest possible honors. As, in the primary school, education *commences*, it is of special importance that *here* the twig should be inclined in the right direction.

The summer term of the intermediate school, in the North school house, was kept by its former efficient teacher, Miss S. L. Pickering. This school, under her closing supervision in teaching, sustained its previous excellent reputation. Its order was good, and recitations in all branches worthy of praise. It was with sincere regret that the Committee were no longer able to retain Miss Pickering in this department of instruction.

For the winter term, the Prudential Committee were so fortunate as to obtain Miss P. J. A. Pitman. The discipline of this school has been judicious and decided, and the order resulting therefrom has been admirable. There was a quiet movement among all the scholars in taking their stand upon the floor, their place at the blackboard, and their going and returning from recess, which most favorably impressed us. All the recitations of this school were listened to with much interest by the Committee. Several examples in arithmetic, proposed by them, were readily and correctly performed. Some specimens of map-drawing, with chalk, upon the black-board, were finely executed. The whole appearance of this school evinced what may be done when both teacher and scholars are intent on excelling.

As we have spoken in terms so justly commendatory of this school, so may we as justly and as highly speak of the primary school in the adjoining department, kept by Miss M. J. Corning. In all of the branches taught, this school has made excellent

progress. Restless as children of this age generally are, yet the order observed among them was far superior to what we have sometimes seen in schools much more advanced. We think that Miss C., who has so long and so successfully taught this school, should at once be promoted to an intermediate school, when a proper opportunity presents itself.

In closing this part of the report, the Committee would acknowledge the essential aid which has been afforded them by Mr. C. K. West, of the Prudential Committee.

CHAS. W. FLANDERS, *Supt. School Committee, Ward 6.*

## WARD VII.

Six School districts, together with three of the schools of District No. 9, whose condition will be reported by the Committee of Ward 6, are located within the boundaries of Ward 7.

DISTRICT No. 7. The summer school was taught by Miss Ann Fletcher. This was Miss Fletcher's first attempt at teaching, and it is but just to say that she discharged the duties of teacher creditably to herself and satisfactorily to the district.

The winter school was under the charge of Mr. Heber Chase, of Claremont. The teacher manifested much anxiety for the welfare of his scholars, and those who applied themselves to study made commendable progress.

DISTRICT No. 8. Miss Susan E. Dunklee taught the summer term. Few young, inexperienced teachers succeed better in government and instruction than did Miss Dunklee.

The winter school was taught by Miss Mary E. Rogers. Miss Rogers is an experienced and successful teacher, having acquired a reputation as such. In imparting instruction she was thorough—requiring the *why* and the *wherefore* of pupils. Her labors were crowned with success, giving entire satisfaction to Committee and parents.

DISTRICT No. 16. The summer and winter schools in this district were taught by Miss Mary Kimball. This school is small in point of numbers; but, in justice to Miss Kimball, it may be truly said that she succeeded far better than the Committee had reason to expect.

DISTRICT No. 17. The summer school was taught by Miss Annie B. Smith. This was Miss Smith's second season in this district, and in point of order, arrangement and instruction, she has few superiors.

The winter school was under the charge of Mr. Robert E. Hayward. His school, for order, industry and improvement, would rank above mediocrity.

DISTRICT No. 18. The summer term was taught by Miss Melvina Green. The teacher sustained the reputation of last year, in this district, giving general satisfaction to parents and Committee.

The winter school for the second season was taught by Mr. Wm. Lougee. In this school may be found scholars well advanced; and at the final examination, it was evident that Mr. Lougee had been thorough in his instruction, sparing no pains on his part to advance the improvement of his scholars.

DISTRICT No. 23. This is a district classed with Bow.

The summer school was taught by Miss Sarah A. Healey. The order and general appearance of the school was commendable, and it is believed that the method, and manner of instruction, was judicious.

The winter school was taught by Mr. Gilman W. Abbott. The school closed unexpectedly, and prior to the second visit by the Committee, and, therefore, we are unable to express an opinion as to the improvement of the school.

We are fully impressed with the belief that our smaller districts suffer great loss in the employment of inexperienced young men in their winter schools, in preference to well-qualified, experienced teachers of the other sex.

JOSIAH STEVENS, *Supt. School Committee Ward 7.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE DISTRICTS  
UNDER THE SOMERSWORTH ACT.

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*The Superintending School Committee of District No. 20, in Concord, present the following Report of the Schools in said District, for the year ending March, 1855 :*

Very few persons fully realize the difficult task of teachers, or the perplexities often experienced by Prudential and Superintending Committees in the discharge of their duties. One of the most fruitful sources of trouble in all our common schools is a lack in family government. When parents and guardians are prompt in the discharge of their duty in sustaining a proper discipline, one great source of difficulty will have been removed.

The Committee would congratulate the District in the general good condition and progress of the schools the past year. The exceptions are, the improper conduct of a few of the larger boys, in and out of school, tardiness and absences. The conduct, the language and the intercourse with other scholars on the part of a few, have been improper, vulgar and indecent ; and some measures should be adopted to effect a thorough change, and preserve the schools from all unnecessary demoralizing influences. The teachers complain—and the Registers show that they have just cause—of the tardiness of the scholars. From the known circumstances of very many of the scholars, it would seem they have no good excuse for so many marks of tardiness as are found set against their names. Whether it is their fault or their parents', or partly both, the committee are not prepared to say. The evil consequences to the scholars and to the school are many and serious—parents are not sensible of its magnitude. The Registers denote absences to be more frequent, than can possibly be supposed to be necessary.—Could these evils be arrested and the attendance be made punctual



and instant, teachers would be greatly relieved and the whole school very much benefitted. These are matters which deserve serious attention.

The Summer Term of the primary department was taught by Miss Myra C. McQuesten. The large number of little ones entrusted to her care, were kept in good order, and made good improvement. She complains of a neglect of parents—only five having visited the school during the term.

The higher school, Summer term, was taught Miss Florilla M. Morrill. The order was good, and the progress of the scholars was satisfactory, especially in reading; in which there were some fine specimens. Three of the scholars were neither tardy nor absent during the long term of four months; which shows what others might probably have done with a little effort.

The primary department of the Winter School was taught by Miss Florilla M. Morrill. Although the number of scholars was quite too large for one teacher, the order and proficiency were good. In their recitations, the scholars were prompt; they articulated distinctly, and with that power of voice which is so rarely exercised inside the school room.

The Winter term of the higher school, was taught by Mr. John A. Putney, whose instructions were thorough, and imparted in an easy and successful manner. The scholars made an evident improvement in their order and application in the school room, during the last part of the term. They exhibited an unusual promptness in all their recitations and illustrations on the blackboard and outline maps, during the closing examination. The classes in Arithmetic, Algebra and Grammar, could not only give answers to questions, but were able to give the reasons upon which their answers were based; indicating that they had been well drilled in the first principles. The same was true of reading, in which there were some fine examples.

The Committee consider the examination of the Summer and Winter Schools as being unusually good, alike creditable to the teachers and scholars. And, in their opinion the District are indebted to the Prudential Committee, Mr. Asa Morrill, who has devoted an unusual amount of time in behalf of the schools and in the care of the house, and whose labors have contributed to the welfare of each.

The Committee are of the opinion that the increasing number

of scholars requires an additional teacher; that from twenty to to thirty of the youngest scholars should form a distinct department, by which the others, if properly arranged, might be greatly benefitted—and though the length of the terms would be a little shorter, yet their value would not be lessened, but materially increased. By a trifling expense, a convenient room might be furnished by uniting the two recitation rooms.

In closing this report, the Committee would express the hope that a deeper interest will be felt in this District in the cause of education. It is not enough to provide houses and pay money. Teachers must receive the co-operation and support of parents, and schools should be visited and looked after. The subject is one, in which every one is really interested, and let all be enlisted and come up to the work, and prove faithful in the work committed to our hands.

#### BOOKS USED.

The Bible, Town's Series of Reading Books, Town's Speller and Definer; Colburn's, Adams', and Greenleaf's Arithmetic; Weld's Grammar; Smith's Geography; Willard's History; Comstock's Philosophy; Davies' Algebra; Cutter's Physiology; Botany; Chemistry and Rhetoric.

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| EDMUND WORTH, Jr., | } <i>Superintending<br/>School Committee of<br/>District No. 20.</i> |
| GEO. W. WADLEIGH,  |                                                                      |
| JOHN SAWYER,       |                                                                      |
| SAML. F. BROWN,    |                                                                      |

*The Superintending Committee for the 3d School District in Concord, under the "Somersworth Act," make the following Report, viz:*

The Summer and Winter terms in the first division were taught by Miss Martha Farnum. Miss Farnum is a thorough systematic teacher, and good improvement was made in the several branches taught. Especially, the reading classes, in the Winter term, showed a marked improvement, also the several classes in spelling appeared well instructed in the rules, sounds and elements of the letters. In Arithmetic, several of the class went through Adams' Revised Edition, others were well advanced and the exercises, on the black-board, were creditable to the class. The classes in Geography and English Grammar were much interested in those studies. Whole number of scholars in Summer term, 43; average attendance, 34. Winter term, whole No., 53; average, 47.

The Summer term in the second division was taught by Miss Augusta M. Cooper. Order and arrangement were peculiar qualifications of the teacher; exact in every duty, commending the respect and attention of the scholars. The affections of her scholars were easily won by her mild and affable manner. Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography and English Grammar were zealously and successfully studied and rudimental instruction given in those branches. The committee were pleased with the appearance of the school at the examination and the improvement made. This will also apply to the school in the first division. The exercise in repeating moral sentiments, and the singing, we commend as having a salutary influence. No exercise is more enjoyed than good singing, and we think that teachers should better qualify themselves in this pleasing and useful art, which seems to exert so strong an influence over the minds and hearts of the young. Whole number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 34.

The Winter Term in the second division was taught by Miss H. Matilda Brooks. The teacher at the commencement of the term secured the confidence, co-operation and the hearts of those committed to her care. This is the great work to be done by the teacher—success is sure to follow. There was a harmonious feeling manifested by the teacher, scholars and parents throughout the entire term, which may be owing, perhaps, to the fact that the teacher visited every family in the division. In Reading, Spelling and other exercises, the scholars appeared to have advanced and made good improvement. Three of the class in Arithmetic, went through Adams' Revised Edition; five to Percentage, and all were well instructed in the rudiments and rules. The black-boards were constantly and usefully used not only by scholars in Arithmetic, but by those in English Grammar in forming sentences, which is a good exercise. The orderly conduct and moral deportment of the scholars were favorably reported by the teacher. This is also true of all our schools the past year. Whole number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 47.

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| M. H. FARNUM,  |                                |
| SIMEON ABBOTT, |                                |
| HENRY FARNUM,  |                                |
| B. F. HOLDEN.  |                                |
|                | <i>Committee of District</i>   |
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## WARD V. DISTRICT No. 10.

*The Superintending School Committee of District No. 10 submit the following report of the schools in said District for the year ending March, 1855 :*

There are five Primary and three Intermediate schools — one Grammar and one High school — ten in all — in this district.

*Primary Schools.* Two of these schools are kept in the school-house in Spring street, and two in that in Union street. The other Primary school is in the brick school-house, in which the High, Grammar and Intermediate schools are also kept.

One of the schools in Spring street was taught by Miss Lucretia F. Shute. This was decidedly a good school. Miss Shute possesses aptness for teaching, and succeeds in securing the love of her pupils. The district could not well dispense with Miss Shute's services.

The other school, in the Spring street school-house, was kept, the first two terms, by Miss Martha A. Stickney, and the last term by Miss Myra T. Elliott.

Miss Stickney was inexperienced in school keeping when she entered upon the discharge of her duties, but it soon became evident that she possessed the elements of a good teacher. Her pupils made satisfactory improvement.

Miss Elliott ranks among the best of our primary school teachers. Her scholars manifested a deep interest in their studies, and in all the exercises of the school. The government of the school was excellent.

One of the schools in Union street was instructed the first two terms by Miss Sophronia S. Billings. The charge of this school is not a very desirable office, except, as there is more to be done than in some others, it furnishes a wider field for doing good. Miss Billings had considerable success in her patient efforts to improve her pupils.

Miss Sarah S. Davis taught this school the last term. In the earlier part of the term, the prospects of the school were dark and discouraging, but Miss Davis succeeded, before the close, in improving the state of affairs. It was sufficiently evident to the Committee, at the examination, that the labors of the teacher were rewarded with some progress by the very backward pupils.

The other school in this building was in charge of Miss A. K. Straw, who is an excellent teacher, capable of interesting her scholars and exciting in them a love of study; consequently, this school has made very decided improvement during the past year.

Miss H. Adelade Munroe has had charge of the Primary school in the brick school-house. It seemed doubtful at first what would be the issue of Miss Munroe's labors, but her inherent energy succeeded at last in educing order out of chaos, and in making her school tolerably quiet and interesting. The multitude of little ones made all the improvement that could reasonably be expected, and Miss Munroe has earned for herself the reputation of an efficient and promising teacher.

*Intermediate Schools.* Miss Mary J. Wilson has been employed as the teacher in one of the Intermediate schools. She was unsparing in her efforts to promote the welfare of her pupils, and the Committee were pleased to observe evidences of improvement in her school. Some of the classes in reading and arithmetic furnished indications of faithful and successful instruction. Good order was maintained.

Miss Eliza Grover taught an Intermediate school two terms. Miss Grover is an active and efficient teacher — very prompt and decided in enforcing the laws of the school-room. The school made commendable improvement under her tuition. Miss Grover having resigned, Miss Susan K. Moulton was appointed to succeed her. Miss Moulton is emphatically an educator. She teaches her pupils to think. The Committee were highly gratified with the abundant evidence, furnished in her school, that the work of education was really going on, that the minds of the children were actually in process of training. The exercises in reading and arithmetic were highly satisfactory; indeed, everything connected with the school indicated the presence of an accurate and thorough teacher.

The other Intermediate school was, for two terms and a half, under the instruction of Miss A. M. French, who is a lady having many excellent qualifications for teaching. To say that her pupils all love her is high praise. Her government is mild, but firm enough to secure good order. This school is particularly distinguished for correct spelling. Miss French has been a faithful teacher in the district, and the Committee deeply sympathise with

her in that, in consequence of severe illness, she is debarred from exercising her favorite vocation, and they ardently hope that she may be speedily restored, by Divine goodness, to her former health and usefulness. Miss Elizabeth S. Goodwin taught this school the last six weeks of the concluding term. Though the period of her teaching was limited, yet Miss Goodwin sufficiently demonstrated that she possesses the elements of an efficient and successful educator.

*Grammar School.* Miss Sarah S. Sanborn presided over this school the two first terms, with all the efficiency and success which have hitherto distinguished her efforts as a teacher. Miss Sanborn is thoroughly educated for her vocation, and possesses also those peculiar natural qualifications, that prepare one to govern a school successfully. Under her instruction, the children of the Grammar school advanced, not rapidly, as they never do under a good teacher, but thoroughly and permanently. The recitations of her classes in grammar, arithmetic and reading, were highly satisfactory. Much to the regret of the Committee, Miss Sanborn resigned at the close of the second term. They were, however, so fortunate as to secure the services of Miss Josephine Pickering, a lady who had already earned a high reputation as a teacher. The perfect order and system, which had characterized Miss Pickering's efforts in other schools, were fully manifested in our Grammar school. In our view, Miss Pickering cannot be excelled as a disciplinarian. It seems almost a magical power that produces the wonderful results that were apparent in the discipline and order of her school.

The Grammar school has enjoyed, during the past year, high privileges, and the several examinations evinced that the more part of the pupils rightfully improved them. The deportment of the children in this school has generally been such as to merit the highest approbation of the Committee.

*High School.* Mr. William W. Bailey was the teacher of this school the first two terms. Mr. Bailey is a conscientious and laborious teacher, sparing no pains to promote the best interests of his pupils, and to discharge all his duties faithfully. But owing to a condition of the school, for which Mr. Bailey was in no ways responsible, it was not in so prosperous a state under his administration as was desirable. Mr. Bailey resigned, unexpectedly to the Committee, at the close of the second term. Mr. N. F.

Carter was elected to succeed him. Of Mr. Carter's qualifications as a teacher the Committee are prepared to speak in the highest terms. He is a thorough and accurate scholar, having clear and definite ideas of whatever he attempts to communicate; and, being well trained in all the elements of knowledge, he has a perfect command of his resources, so that, in giving instruction, he is never confused or bungling. The High school has enjoyed a great privilege in having Mr. Carter for an instructor during the last term. At the final examination, several of the classes appeared remarkably well. The Committee were pleased to observe evidence of thorough elemental instruction. The classes in French, Latin, Greek, arithmetic and algebra, would do credit to any school. There were, also, several translations and compositions read of a high order. The essays read by the class in Ancient history are worthy of the highest commendation. Most of the articles in the young ladies' paper evinced a good taste and a happy talent for composition.

Mr. Carter was assisted, during the last nine weeks of the term, by Miss Louisa C. Weeks, of whose labors the Committee are happy to speak in terms of high commendation. They regret that the limited time, at the final examination, excluded so many of her classes which would have abundantly testified to the ability and faithfulness of their teacher.

It is to be regretted that all the scholars in the High school did not appreciate and improve their privileges. This school contains many well-behaved and studious scholars, whose respectful deportment and ready obedience are worthy of all commendation. But it also contains a few scholars as bad as ever disgraced any school, who, by petty annoyances, open defiance of authority, insulting and profane language addressed to their teachers, and mean and contemptible falsehoods, have affixed a stigma to their own characters, which it will require a long course of virtuous conduct to wipe off. It would be no more than justice to make a public record of the names of these boys in this report, but, for the sake of their friends, we refrain — though it must be confessed that, in some instances, the names of the parents might very properly appear by the side of those of their ill-behaved children. The Committee have the pleasure to report that, in two instances at least, the use of the rod verified the wisdom of Solomon respecting the reformatory virtue of that renowned instrument of correction; and they have no doubt that, if it had been vigorously and perseveringly



applied in other cases, the like happy results would have been obtained.

Upon the whole, our schools, during the past year, have been successfully conducted. The teachers, as a class, possessed more than the average qualifications, and, generally, faithfully discharged their responsible duties. The pupils, with the exceptions that have been referred to, have, for the most part, been obedient and studious. The great evil of irregularity in attendance, the remedy of which lies wholly with parents, has seriously affected the schools during the past year, exerting its discouraging influence upon the teachers, and interrupting the pupils in their studies.

Our schools ought to be better furnished with school apparatus. Globes, especially, are required in all the schools where geography is taught. A child can obtain no adequate conception of the form of the earth, or of the geographical circles, without the aid of a globe. And why should we pay teachers to instruct in geography and withhold from them the means of rendering their instructions useful and effectual? Every school should also be furnished with a dictionary. The barbarity with which the English language is treated, both as it regards spelling and pronunciation, is a disgrace to the age. In the school room, the dictionary ought to stand next to the Bible in estimation, and teachers and pupils ought to be required to refer to it continually; and, perhaps, it might advance the interests of education if the Superintending Committee were occasionally to consult its pages.

Some of our teachers are deficient in a knowledge of the school regulations established by the district which has, in some instances, led to an unconscious violation of them. Our teachers should be required thoroughly to study these regulations before entering upon the discharge of their duties.

We have received but in a few instances that gratuitous assistance in managing the schools, which is sometimes so freely and generously proffered, both to school committees and teachers, from which we infer that the peculiar wisdom which such unselfish assistance implies does not abound in our district. We should have been glad, however, of more assistance from parents in the position of co-workers with us and the teachers in advancing the best interests of the schools.

It is very desirable that our schools should attain a higher standard of excellence. Though, in many respects, we have done



very well, still, upon the whole, we are behind the times. The subject of popular education is one of immense importance. Our free school system, in its general features, is admirably adapted to secure its purposes, but its capabilities ought to be better understood by the mass of our people. It ought to be clearly seen how completely it puts the power into the hands of all our people to secure the best possible education for their children. It ought to be understood that the rich and the poor, the childless and those who have families of children, all have one interest, and a deep interest, in raising the standard of popular education as high as possible. If this were the case, the suicidal policy of crippling our schools, by withdrawing the necessary funds, would be laid aside; at least, we should never witness the strange spectacle of a man of moderate means, and having a large family, voting against raising school money, at the suggestion of some childless, wealthy man, who has not wisdom enough to discover that the advancement of the public schools in his neighborhood advances the value of his property, and the comfort and security of his life.

Respectfully submitted.

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| CHARLES W. FLANDERS, | } <i>Superintending<br/>School Committee<br/>of<br/>District No. 10.</i> |
| NEWTON E. MARBLE,    |                                                                          |
| PALTIAH BROWN,       |                                                                          |
| RUFUS CLEMENT,       |                                                                          |

#### BOOKS USED.

Reading — Tower's Series and N. A. Reader. Spelling — N. A. Spelling Book. Arithmetic — Davies', Holbrook's Primary, Adam's Revised and Emerson's Second Part. Geography — Mitchel's. Grammar — Weld's. Also, Crosby's Greek Grammar, Andrew's and Stoddard's Latin Grammar, Cooper's Virgil, Folsom's Cicero, Jewett's Ollendorff, LeBrun's Telemaque, Davies' Algebra, Cutter's Physiology and Johnston's Philosophy.

# SCHOOL STATISTICS.

## BOOKS USED.

Reading—Town's Series. Spelling—Webster's, Town's Speller and Definer and N. A. Spelling Book. Arithmetic—Emerson's, Colburn's, Holbrook's and Adams' Revised. Geography—Smith's and Mitchel's. Grammar—Weld's and Smith's. Also, Cutter's Physiology, Davie's Algebra, Goodrich's History and Johnston's Philosophy.

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Scholars, above 4 years, attending 2 weeks.           |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Length of Summer term.                                |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Length of Winter term.                                |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Wages of male Teachers, per month.                    |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Wages of female Teachers, per month.                  |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Scholars, 4 ys. and upwards att. 2 weeks in Summer.   |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Scholars, 4 ys and upwards, att. 2 weeks in Winter.   |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Average—Summer.                                       |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Average—Winter.                                       |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | No. between 4 and 16 attending not less than 2 weeks. |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | No. over 16 att. not less 2 w.                        |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Male Teachers—Summer.                                 |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Female Teachers—Summer.                               |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Male Teachers—Winter.                                 |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Female Teachers—Winter.                               |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Amount raised by Tax.                                 |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Contributed for board, &c.                            |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Income from Literary Fund.                            |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Amount to each Scholar.                               |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Visits by Supt'g Committee.                           |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Visits by Prudential Com.                             |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | Visits by citizens.                                   |
| 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | No. School-houses built.                              |



